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Comment of the day

Elegy on a Post Office queue

IF the busy world of Hong Kong is too much with you, with the noise of traffic, the rapid passage of commerce, the frustrating density of the populace, the din of construction, and the cacophony of street noises, try stepping into the main Post Office to purchase a stamp.

Here, hard by the maddening crowd, time and the assistants stand still. Here, by joining a queue before a wire cage which protects the assistant from the customer, is peace, perfect peace, in this clamorous world of din.

No sound disturbs this balmy atmosphere, save the soft drone of voices, where some office boy, making the week's purchase of stamps, holds the assistant in conversation.

Then slowly, and almost sadly, the office boy plops his weary way back to his office, and the queue moves up one, hopefully.

But begone vain hope, for who is this with countenance firm, who appears at the privileged side of the bar? In his hand is a long list, and with immense patience he reads off a list of his wants.

STAMPS are torn from their sheets, and at long last he departs, and the queue shifts from its slumber. But the assistant, as if aroused by the unwarranted arrogance of the queue, glances at them, vacates his seat, and as if too tired to speak, places a notice etched in becoming style, that his portion of the counter is closed.

But with that eager, if foolish anticipation, born of long experience, the queue divides itself, some departing for this section of the counter, others who personally need a stamp speculating upon the cost of a trip to deliver the message verbally.

But as the hours roll on, and the darkness falls, there descends upon this peaceful spot a murmur. The doors are closed, and the queue moves up, the stamp is at hand, and the customer turns sadly towards the world of tumult and bustle beyond the doors.

Blame for recent developments in the Congo GHANA BREAKS WITH BELGIUM

Ambassador given 48 hours to leave

Accra, Dec. 4.

Ghana has broken off diplomatic relations with Belgium and given the Belgian Ambassador 48 hours to leave the country, the Ghana Foreign Minister, Mr Ako Adjei, announced here today.

Customers cut down in cafe shooting

Paris, Dec. 4.

Two people were killed and another six seriously injured in suburban Corbeil tonight when an unknown number of assailants opened fire on the customers of a cafe.

Police said they could not immediately establish a motive for the incident.

The dead and injured were all Europeans, they added.

The attack from outside was so sudden and unexpected that not even two uniformed police drinking at the bar had time to catch a glimpse of the assailants who are believed to have fled from the scene to a nearby waiting car to make their getaway.

Residents of Corbeil, speculating on the shooting tonight, said it might have been carried out by Algerians who mistook the cafe for another frequented by Algerians.—Reuter.

OPHELIA HEADS FOR JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 5.

Off-season Typhoon Ophelia, with center wind measuring 127 mph, raced through the northern Pacific today at 40 miles an hour. Its main force was expected to buffet the Tokyo-Yokohama area and other areas on Japan's east coast as it sweeps to the northeast.—UPI.

Buses fired in Caracas rioting



Two buses, one on its side, blaze in Roosevelt-avenue, Caracas, Venezuela, on December 1, after being set on fire by Communist rioters. Firemen were prevented from putting out the flames by sniper shots from nearby university buildings where the rioters took sanctuary.—AP photo.

Ikeda's Cabinet resigns

Tokyo, Dec. 5.

Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda's Cabinet resigned en masse today in the first stage of a Japanese Government reshuffle that will bring no change in Mr Ikeda's leadership or basic pro-Western policies.

The Cabinet resignations were sent to Parliament, where Mr Ikeda was certain to be re-named Prime Minister in an election later today.

Election of a new prime minister and seating of a new cabinet was the aftermath to last month's general election which renewed the heavy controlling majority Mr Ikeda's Conservatives hold in the Lower House of Representatives.—AP.

Saigon club explosion

Saigon, Dec. 4.

A powerful explosion at a golf club about three miles from here killed one Vietnamese and wounded 12 others today. One side of the building was blown out.

The explosion occurred about half an hour before a number of American and European members arrived at the club.—Reuter.

SAAR ELECTIONS

Saarbrücken, Dec. 5. The Socialists scored considerable gains in Sunday's Saarland election but failed to threaten the leading position of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats, according to almost complete returns.—AP.

Japan atom bomb pilot missing

Waco, Texas, Dec. 4.

The pilot of the reconnaissance plane which guided the first atomic bomber over Hiroshima has been missing from the Government hospital here for ex-servicemen since November 22, hospital authorities said today.

The ex-pilot, 41-year-old Claude Eatherly, who also carried out a similar assignment over the city of Nagasaki when the second atomic bomb was dropped, has been a patient at several hospitals since his discharge from the Air Force as a major in 1947.

Guilt complex

Eatherly, who piloted a B-29 reconnaissance plane in the atom bomb raids, was awarded the American Distinguished Flying Cross and other honors for his services.

A psychiatrist testified in 1947 that Eatherly had a guilt complex and once said he felt responsible for killing 100,000 people in Hiroshima.

The psychiatrist testified when Eatherly stood trial in Abilene, Texas, on charges of burgling post offices. He pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity and was acquitted. Eatherly was also accused of trying to rob a drive-in grocery store in Dallas, Texas, in 1959. The charges against him were later dropped and he was committed to the ex-servicemen's hospital here.—Reuter.

13 killed in reprisal actions against Lumumba's men

Leopoldville, Dec. 4.

Thirteen people have been killed in Kikwit 250 miles east of here, in reprisal actions taken by Congolese troops for the welcome given there to Mr Patrice Lumumba on his flight from the capital.

Mr Cleophas Kamitatu, Leopoldville Provincial President, who disclosed this today, said a further 22 people were injured in the actions.

The inhabitants are reported to have fled to nearby woods and the army has disarmed the provincial police.

Mr Kamitatu, whose home is in the Kikwit region, today appealed to Colonel Joseph Mobutu, the Congolese army chief, to control his men and stop "this aggression against unarmed and defenseless citizens."

He said the 13 dead included a junior army officer.

A press statement from the President said bodies were lying on the streets as the troops shot at ambulances coming to take them away.

Tense

Mr Kamitatu described the situation as "tense." UN Moroccan troops in Kikwit have been given orders to prevent further violence, it was stated.

Although long regarded as a Lumumba supporter, Mr Kamitatu last week declared that he was not a politician and that his task, as Provincial President, was purely administrative.

Mr Lumumba was reported to have been well received in Kikwit after his escape last Sunday, and to have been given protection before continuing his journey towards Stanley-

vile. He was seized by Col Mobutu's troops at Port Francqui, Kasai, on Thursday night and returned to Leopoldville.

Before being transferred from Leopoldville to the military garrison at Thysville, 100 miles

away, Mr Lumumba was beaten and kicked by troops.

Pro-Lumumba supporters demonstrated in his support in Leopoldville today, including outside the UN headquarters. No incidents were reported.—Reuter.

Bank to put up 28-floor building

A plan to erect a skyscraper of 28 storeys in Portland-street, Kowloon was revealed today. It will cost \$13,500,000 and take three years to complete.

This scheme was outlined to the Tenancy Tribunal this morning by Mr D. A. L. Wright, counsel for the applicants, the Liu Chong Hing Estate Co. Ltd. Mr Wright said his clients were applying for exemption for Nos 172 to 184 Portland-street, which was a corner site with So-y-street.

The applicants had previously acquired an adjoining site and intended to develop both in this scheme.

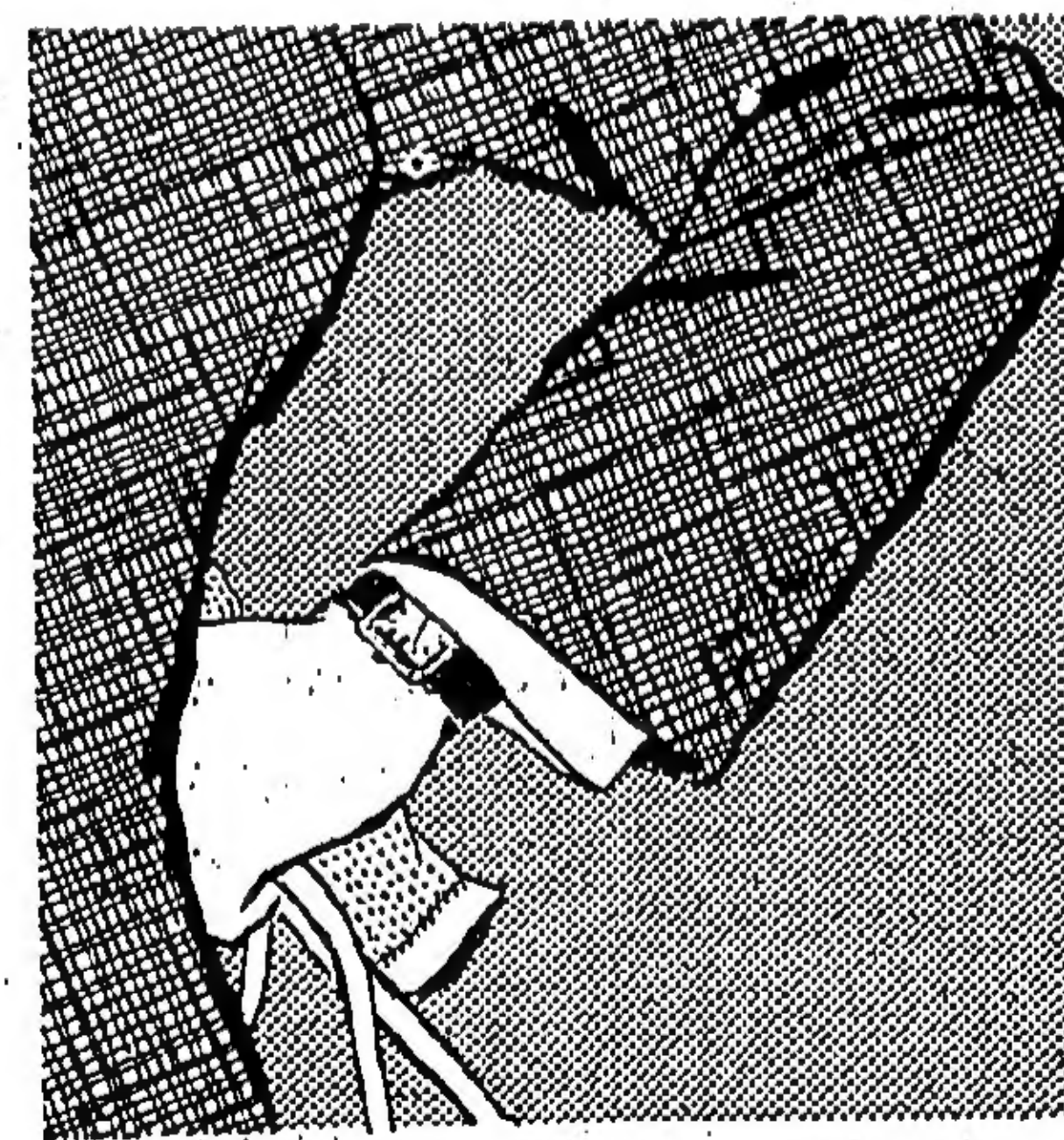
The applicants and their associated companies—the Liu Chong Hing Bank Ltd, an insurance and a godown company, owned about \$80 million worth of unmortgaged property in the Colony.

The site which is the subject of this application, said Mr Wright, is probably worth \$650 per square foot.

DEPARTMENT STORE The Liu Chong Hing Bank would use part of the ground floor, part of the second, and it would have a staircase and two lifts for its exclusive use.

From the first to the eight floors there would be shops and arcades, a department store would occupy the ninth to the 13th floors and from the 14th to the 27th floors would be offices.

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FREAK WEATHER
IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Dec. 4. Freak weather was reported in widely separated parts of Australia today.

In Darwin, a small tornado demolished three houses only minutes after a woman and two young children had left one of them.

At Dungon, 150 miles north of Sydney, a "willy-willy" (whirlwind) tore two houses apart, unroofed four others, demolished out-buildings and miles of telephone wires. It lifted a car with a driver in it, off the ground and tumbled it 40 feet before dumping it over a fence. The willywilly, which lasted 20 minutes, left a strip of wreckage 12 miles long and 300 yards wide.

Gale-force winds and driving rain swept Sydney throughout the day. One man was drowned when a launch smashed against rocks outside Sydney Harbour. Four men and a youth are missing in an open launch 40 miles north of Sydney. An air, sea and land search will begin for them at dawn.

In Sydney Harbour, a police launch rescued scores of small craft which had overturned.—AP.

SNOW IN U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 4. Strong winds headed snow on the U.S. western plains and the Rocky Mountains today.

Parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska got the worst of the snow. A cold front rolled across the Midwest, Montana and the Dakotas felt it first. With cold and rising winds came a blizzard and cold wave warning for the Dakotas and Nebraska.

The weather bureau labelled the turbulence a major storm.—AP.

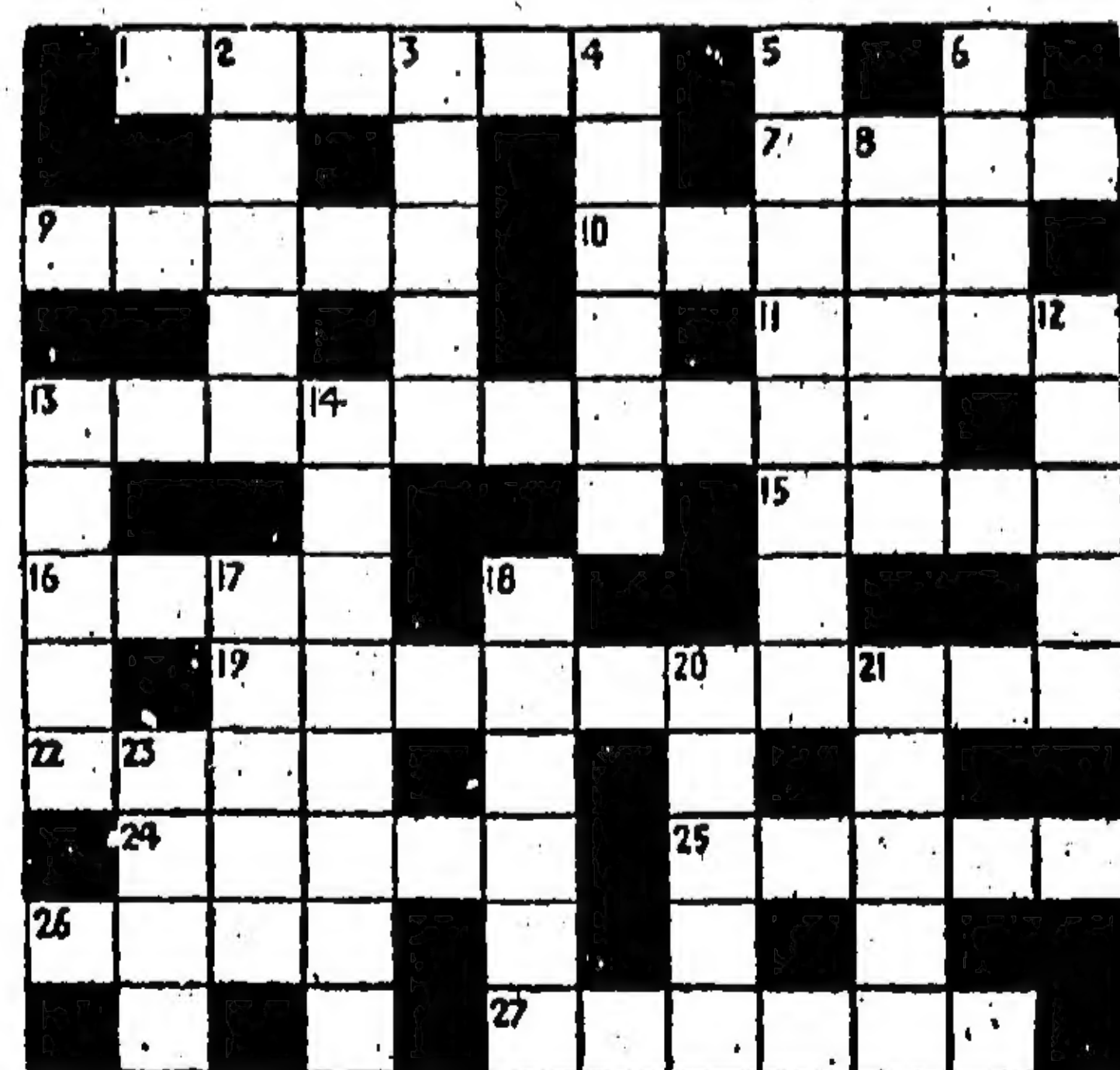
Pastor greeted
by boos

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4. The pastor of a Protestant (Methodist) church here who was the first white father to send his daughter to an "integrated" New Orleans school, was greeted by boos from his congregation today.

When he arrived to conduct the service, the pastor was met by a crowd of white women who shouted at him: "Nigger lover" and "If it wasn't for him we'd have won."

Out of the usual 200 persons attending services, only about 20 came this morning. Some of them left during the sermon which had nothing to do with the racial question.—AP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Gives one the choice (6).
 - 7 Moulding that makes an American exclaim? (4).
 - 9 Overseas trouble-spot (5).
 - 10 Blinded as well? (5).
 - 11 Try out (4).
 - 13 Vegetarian organ? (10).
 - 15 Musical instrument part (4).
 - 16 Dropped by raiders (4).
 - 18 Danger signals (10).
 - 22 Reduce tightness (4).
 - 24 Soldier (6).
 - 25 More ancient (5).
 - 26 Completed (4).
 - 27 Boiler filament (6).
- DOWN**
- 2 Zoo favourite (5).
 - 3 Billiards term (2, 3).
 - 4 Ocular beverage (6).
 - 5 Footwear accessory (6).
 - 6 County for tired people? (4).
 - 8 Silly filer? (5).
 - 12 Marine movements (6).
 - 13 The Scriptures (5).
 - 14 Titled folk (8).
 - 17 Society worker? (5).
 - 18 Went down on one's knees (6).
 - 20 Common or garden plant (5).
 - 21 Soup server (5).
 - 23 Mighty small piece (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Report, 4 Shore, 7 Master, 8 Study, 10 Noun, 12 Shearer, 15 Run-ee, 16 Tame, 17 Stet, 18 Piled, 20 Mumps, 21 Rise, 23 Brand, 24 Tumb, 25 Stale, 26 Slips, Down: 1 Romanism, 2 Portures, 3 Reel, 5 Hot water, 6 Redeem, 8 Shell, 11 National, 12 Septil, 13 Radiance, 14 Telescope, 16 Turret, 22 Hurt.

Exeter and Derbyshire flooded for second time
GALES LASH UK AND EUROPEWettest autumn
in living
memory

London, Dec. 4.

Gales, rain and floods struck Britain and northern Europe with savage fury today, an almost knockout punch after the wettest autumn in a century.

South-west England and Wales staggered under the hammer blows.

France and Holland were smitten by the same gale winds, upwards of 80 miles an hour.

Germany was lashed.

North Sea and Baltic shipping was tied up in part.

The English Channel was too formidable for anything save the biggest liners. Even at that the giant Queen Mary stood off from Cherbourg to ride out the storm rather than risk the delicate task of mooring.

The outlook was for more of the same. The forecast was for continued rain with hail and perhaps thunder.

Storms in England and Wales became rivers. Troops were called out to help isolated areas evacuate. Motorists were warned to head for home and even to bypass certain entire counties.

Washed out

Some bridges were washed out. Railway lines in South Wales were blocked. Telephone communications in some areas became precarious as poles were ripped down either by wind or flood waters.

The damage was incalculable. In such English areas as Exeter and Derbyshire, home owners had just recovered from the disastrous October floods, had redecorated their properties, and now found them inundated again.

In dozens of English towns, police rowed boats down the main street to help evacuees.

The up-to-hurricane strength winds blew the night long in Britain and struck Europe during the early Sunday hours. Winds hit such a furious peak in Hamburg that the eight foot high cross of iron atop St Pauli was torn off and crashed through the roof of the church.

Landslides complicated road travel, especially in England and Wales. A Royal Automobile Club spokesman called it "the blackest Sunday ever" with dozens of main roads and hundreds of others impassable under four feet of flood water.

There were remarkably few casualties, considering the

savage conditions, but authorities calculated reports linking deaths with the appalling weather conditions would come in later.

The sea off England and France was churned by giant waves. The Dover-Dunkirk ferry suspended service. A small trawler sank in the North Sea but all ten crewmen were taken aboard another trawler.

At Portsmouth eight bird-watchers were rescued from a boat adrift in mountainous seas. A Dutch tug took in tow the 400-ton Swedish steamer Baltica which was drifting with broken steering gear in the North Sea. The 100-ton motor vessel Eventide broke her anchor loose in Plymouth Sound during the height of the gale but was saved by a tug from being dashed on the rocks.

In Belgium giant waves swept over the dike at Ostend pushed by a wind that reached more than 80 mph. While fishing boats were confined to the port, the Ostend-Dover service continued business as usual.

At Antwerp piloting service on the Scheldt River was interrupted. A barge loaded with coal sank but its crew was saved. The countryside near Ghent was partially flooded, and the Brussels-Ghent rail service was cut in places by water in the bed.

Waterspouts

High-tension wires were downed in Limburg Province, cutting off power in the area. On the Ardennes plateau, at Verriers and many other places in Belgium, felled trees, television antennas and chimney debris blocked the roads.

Storm damage in France was heaviest in the St Omer region near the Straits of Dover where waterspouts provoked floods and heavy damage submerging a thousand acres of marshland. Rivers bursting their banks cut off rail service in parts of the area, while most towns there were without electricity. Wind blew down telephone poles, pulled flies off roofs. Roads were cut in several places.

Along the French coast as the sea stormed, many fishing boats found refuge in Calais. The ferry Compiegne performing winter service between Britain and Boulogne-sur-Mer turned back to Calais. Several cargo vessels hauled up anchor late this afternoon when the sea began to let up. The liners United States and Ivernia left Le Havre for New York and Southampton 16 hours late.

Squalls blew up to 120 mph this morning at Penmarch and 130 mph at Quessant. An eight-year-old girl in Neubourg (Normandy) suffered a broken jaw and two broken legs when a tree fell on her.

The storms and flooding have wrought severe damage to many areas of the Netherlands, traditionally vulnerable to the whims of weather. In Friesland all drainage facilities were stopped up. Fields everywhere in southwest Drenthe Province filled with water.

New church

The roof of the Maria Regina Catholic Church in Boxtel caved in from pressure of wind and rain. Debris and rain wrecked the interior of the church, inaugurated last October 2.

A four-year old child in the town of Vlieland went out to play this morning, was picked up by the storm and thrown into a ditch where he drowned.

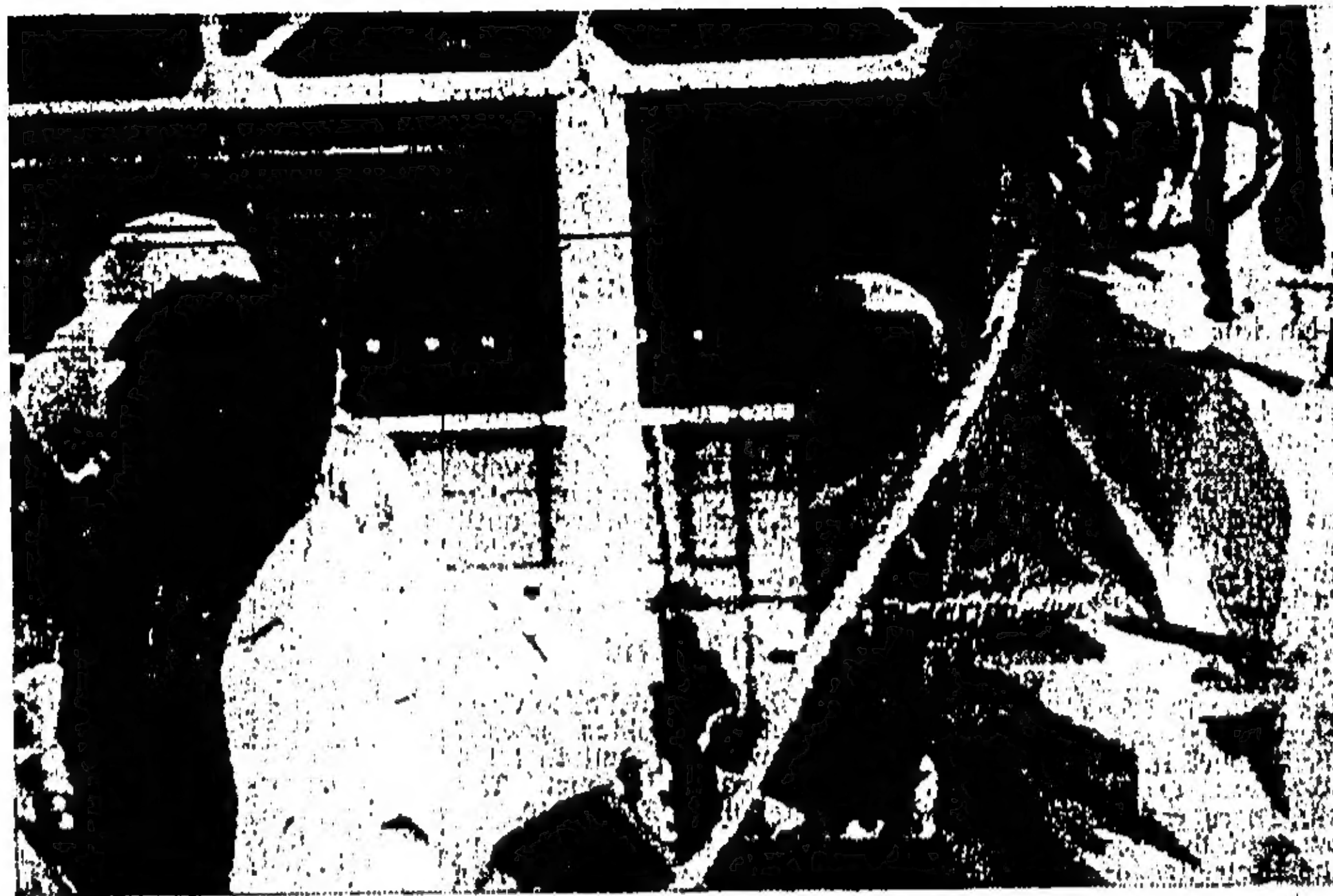
At Utrecht nine large trees were completely uprooted.—AP.

Earthquake

Torun, Italy, Dec. 4. A night, rolling earthquake awakened thousands of Italians just before dawn today in this mountain area 70 miles north-east of Rome.

In some areas the quake opened big cracks in the walls of older buildings. No other damage or injuries were reported.—AP.

Lumumba flown back

MOBUTU PLANS
PROVISIONAL
GOVERNMENT

Brazzaville, Dec. 4.

Colonel Joseph Mobutu "strongman" of the (ex-Belgian) Congo, announced today that he planned to set up a "provisional government of the Congolese Republic."

Col Mobutu, who is on visit here, said this government would be composed of the members of the youthful College of Commissioners General, the administrative body of intellectuals he appointed to govern the country.

Col Mobutu made the statement in an interview with the French radio here.

The Colonel, who is Chief of Staff of the Congolese Army, said the mission of the Commissioners General would have to extend beyond December 31, the deadline he set after taking power last July.

IMPOSSIBLE

In present circumstances, he said, "it is impossible to hold a fruitful and really representative meeting of Parliament."

Asked if the "provisional government" would be composed of the same men under the same regime, Col Mobutu replied: "That's it."

He said the arrest by his troops of deposed Premier Patrice Lumumba "partially settles the problem" of the rebellious eastern province.

He said Lumumba "is finished".—AP.

Tragic
car
race

Dakar, Senegal, Dec. 4. A man was at a roadside curio outside Dakar today, taking pictures of entries in a six-hour motor car race as they sped past.

One of the competitors was his wife, Mrs Jacqueline Sponom, 27.

As one of the cars, a Dauphine-Gordini, approached, Sponom focused on the speeding vehicle, then pressed the shutter.

The car skidded, rolled over three times and crashed into a tree.

HORRIFIED

With other horrified spectators, Sponom rushed to the crumpled wreck in an effort to aid the driver.

Knock, mortally wounded, was Mrs Sponom. She died shortly after an ambulance reached Dakar hospital.

The camera and film did their job. Sponom's picture was good.—AP.

African federation
leaders agree
to attend talks

London, Dec. 4.

The African nationalist leaders of Rhodesia and Nyasaland today agreed to attend tomorrow's federal review conference here, but reserved the right to walk out of the conference "at any time."

The three leaders—Dr H. K. Banda of Nyasaland, Joshua Nkomo of Southern Rhodesia and Kenneth Kaunda of Northern Rhodesia—had earlier indicated they might boycott the conference.

Mr Duncan Sandys, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, and Mr Iain Macleod, Colonial Secretary, succeeded in last-minute efforts to save the conference and prevent the boycott during a luncheon with the three African leaders. The primary purpose of the conference was to review the 1953 constitution of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

MAJOR QUESTION

In a joint statement, the African leaders made it clear, however, that they would walk out of the conference "at any time" if they felt that "the federation constitutional conference is used as a delaying tactic to prevent territorial talks on Northern and Southern Rhodesia."

They said the British Government was being notified of a period "beyond which they would consider the conference a delaying measure."

IRA snipers

Belfast, Dec. 4.

Shooting between terrorists and police flared up early today along the Northern Ireland border with the Irish Republic after many months of peace.

Hidden snipers opened fire on police at Belleek, County Fermanagh, and a running battle followed before the gunmen, believed to be members of the outlawed Irish Republic Army organisation, retreated in the direction of the Republican frontier.—Reuters.

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NEW LEADING
MAN MAKES
BRIGITTE SHY

Paris, Dec. 4.

Brigitte Bardot, back at work for the first time since her September suicide attempt, was reported timid today in first contacts with her latest young leading man.

RETURN
VISIT BY
FAMOUS
PIANIST

Bela Siki, famous Hungarian pianist, will give a return concert on December 12, at St Paul's Co-Educational College, at 8.30 p.m.

When Mr Siki first played in Hongkong in July, a packed hall gave him one of the most enthusiastic ovations ever given a visiting pianist and critics and commentators alike, were most glowing in their reviews of the concert.

The Music Society, therefore, urged Mr Siki to stop over in Hongkong on his return trip to America and Europe to give a concert.

His programme begins with the Haydn Sonata in D major and then continues with Sonata 32 in C minor of Beethoven. The concert will conclude with the well-known piano suite Mirrors by the French composer, Ravel. Booking is at China Engineers' Showroom, Alexandra House Arcade.

Policeman's
condition

The condition of Police Sub-Inspector R. H. Williams, was said to be "all right" this morning, according to a Government spokesman. Williams received only bruises and cuts in yesterday's car crash in which his car collided with a pillar of the Union Jack Club, Queen's-road East, at 2 a.m.

New building

(Continued from Page 1) Eighteen lifts, eight escalators and four staircases would serve the floors.

There will also be a basement car park for 40 vehicles. The architect is Mr E. Y. W.

There are 141 opposing tenants, represented by various counsel.

Members of the Tribunal are Mr B. V. Rhodes (President); Mr A. K. Dimond and Mr E. A. Noronha.

Urges Canada,
Australia to
ease immigration

London, Dec. 4.

The Observer today urged Canada and Australia to ease their immigration laws as a means of slowing the increasing flow of West Indian immigration into Britain.

The independent newspaper commented: "It would be a great pity if, because of the influx of West Indians into this country, a breach were made in the British tradition of keeping our doors open to all Commonwealth citizens."

"Britain's immigration problem might be eased if Commonwealth members, such as Canada and Australia, relaxed their restrictive immigration laws."

"Many West Indians might be attracted to either of these

countries if some way could be found of breaching the colour bar which keeps them out; already there are signs that new policies are emerging."

"This complex problem is eminently suitable for discussion by the Commonwealth prime ministers when they meet next March."

"Only if and when the other Commonwealth countries deny assistance in this matter would the British government be right to control Commonwealth immigration by legislation."—China Mail Special.

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to pass exams

Newcastle, Dec. 5. University students here are aiming to establish a college hospital where they can see psychiatrists and doctors when harassed by pre-examination stresses.

The students' newspaper, "Courier," dealing with the problem of worried undergraduates, says many are being driven to drink and that beer consumption in the university union is abnormally high.

But Mr Brian Shawcross, President of the Students' Representative Council, said: "It is nonsense to suggest that students are becoming drunkards because of this problem, but we are concerned about so many being affected by pre-examination stress."

"Some crack up during examinations and the type of scheme we want could mean the difference between students getting their degrees and failing."—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN FLATTERED
RUSSIA COPIES
EDUCATION SYSTEM

London, Dec. 5.

Russia's "flattering" decision to copy the British public school education system was used by Sir David Eccles, Britain's Education Minister, at a golden jubilee dinner here to illustrate the "dream" of academic equality.

Complete academic and social equality was a theory and a dream strong enough to break fresh hearts in each generation and yet it was powerless to alter "the stuff of human nature," Sir David said.

"I know of no clearer proof of this than what is happening in Soviet Russia today."

In Moscow last year when he asked why they were establishing boarding schools he got a reply that he said might be thought "flattering—even moving."

Copies Arnold

They had, he was told, deliberately studied and copied, for boys who were to be members of the higher administration, the public school system of the famed English educationist and headmaster of Rugby School, Dr Thomas Arnold.

BEDTIME
STORY
BY PHONE

Hull, Dec. 4. Children in Hull, the only city in Britain which owns its public telephone service, will soon be able to pick up the telephone before they go to sleep and listen to a bed-time story. The Hull telephone exchange said the new service would come into operation tomorrow.

The children will be able to hear a different three-and-a-half minute story each night.—China Mail Special.

Conductor
dies on
podium

Sheffield, Dec. 4.

Famed orchestra conductor Walter Goehr died in front of his public here today of a heart attack.

He was stepping down from the podium after directing a performance of Handel's "Messiah" when he collapsed. Goehr, 57, was born in Germany where he studied music in Berlin under the German composer Arnold Schoenberg. He moved to Great Britain in 1932, but made annual concert tours, in particular to South America and Europe. He had just returned from a concert tour in Turkey.

Walter Goehr acquired a great reputation in musicology for his interpretation of the works of Italian composer Monteverdi. In 1954 he won the "Grand Prix de Disque" for his recording of the Monteverdi opera "The Crowned King of Poppaea."—AFP.

Autumn
cruise
via
Russia

London, Dec. 4. The British liner Caronia, 34,172 tons, will call at ports in the Soviet Union and Rumania during an autumn cruise next year, it was announced here today. The 52-day cruise, costing from £395 or \$1,100 (U.S.), will enable tourists from Britain and the United States to see the Soviet ports of Yalta and Odessa, and the Rumanian port of Constanta. During her cruise, starting at New York and ending at Southampton, Britain, the air-conditioned liner will call at 23 ports.—Reuter.

At Perthshire

London, Dec. 4. Princess Margaret and her husband, Antony Armstrong-Jones, spent the weekend in Perthshire, Scotland, at guests of her cousin, Lord Elphinstone in Perthshire. Armstrong-Jones joined a shooting party of six on the raw, windswept Perthshire moors on Saturday. They bagged 300 pheasants.—AP.

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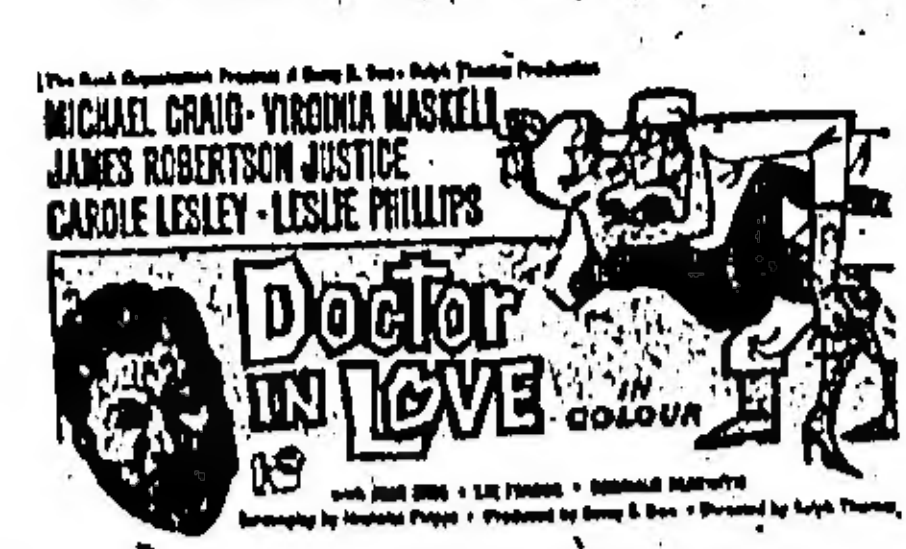
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WHY THERE'LL NEVER BE ANOTHER LIKE HIM...

"I'm going to get me that croc," said Clark Gable, sighting the rifle to his eye as we stood next to one another by a river in Tanganyika.

by
David Lewin

On a mud flat in the middle distance a crocodile was sunning itself lazily. "Yep," said Gable, "I'm going to get me that croc. Check the wind, somebody."

We waited our fingers and held them up to the slight African breeze and Gable pointed his gun. He fired. There was a moment's silence and the croc did not move. "Got it," said Gable. "That croc is sure deader than hell. I can tell you that."

In a rowing boat little men pulled across to the mud flat out in the river, and Gable turned to his co-star, Grace Kelly, who was standing with us. They were making a film together called "Mogambo."

Time

"Kelly," he said, "I'll always call her by her surname." "Kelly, that croc is sure deader than hell, and you can have yourself a handbag and a pair of shoes."

The men in the boat returned and reported that the crocodile was dead—shot, it appeared, through the head. They would arrange to have it brought back that night to his tent in the jungle clearing.

Gable looked pleased and we all went off to celebrate. It was not until much later that night, after the film had been removed, that the property department of the film company mentioned that Mr Gable's croc had in fact been dead before he shot it.

It was in place on the mud flat as a background for a scene which was to be filmed the next day. But no one I think told Clark Gable.

That was Clark Gable, a huge, chunky man of action whose flat was as large as a side of ham. He was a star for 30 years, and I remember him "Old Indestructible"—a description he did not object to in the least.

That dog

Gable had lived through it all. He survived the bullets and the studio revolutions, and he saw his leading ladies like Crawford, Shearer, Garbo, Harlow, and Lombard disappear or die. He remained. Now he is dead, and no one—but no one—will ever take his place.

"What I had was time," he told me. "Time to get this ugly mug of mine known on the screen. In the first year I was under contract to M.G.M. I appeared in 14 films. No big parts, sure. But I was getting known. And that was the important thing. Screen time. The youngsters today just starting can't get screen time like that. There aren't enough pictures being made and the men who built stars are dead, anyway."

Clark Gable became a star because of women. When he made his first screen test with a flower stuck behind his ear for some South Sea island topic the girls who worked at the studio were invited to see it. They laughed.

"Who is that dog?" they said. "What's wrong with him? Why, everything, and his ears are too big." The studio pinned back his ears with an operation and tried again. He was put into a picture with Norma Shearer and in one scene slammed her into a chair so violently that the audience sat up with a jolt.

Clinched

Gable had arrived. He was virile. His voice was husky. And his smile, as it stole across his moustache, had a sinister sexiness.

It was true that he wasn't the world's best actor. But as he grew older he took trouble to surround himself with some of the best people. "I never worry about acting," he said. "I take the script and I listen to advice and I learn the lines and I get on with it."

He didn't know the word "introspective" and he had no urge to look it up.

He also knew his judgment was not infallible. He wanted to turn down the part in "Mating on the Bounty" (one of his biggest successes). "I knew that Captain Bligh played by Charles Laughton with a liney accent had the best part," he said.

What finally clinched the argument was when Eddie Mannix, a studio head at M.G.M., told him, "Don't worry about it. You're playing Bligh. You're the only guy

in the picture who has anything to do with a dame."

Off-screen he lived a king-sized life in a large Hollywood house and a variety of wives, but few close friends. He did not make friends easily and was embarrassed by open sentiment. Judy Garland sang the song "You Made Me Love You" to a framed portrait of Gable in an early film. It was an enormous hit, summing up the era of the thirties when the sight of Gable really made people want to love him.

Later, at a birthday party for Gable, Judy Garland sang it to him again in front of the other guests. Gable took her aside shyly and said: "Thanks, Judy, but please don't do that again."

To forget

His marriages to drama coach Josephine Dillon, to Thea Longham, an heiress, and to Lady Sylvia Ashley, were not a success. But he was passionately devoted to his third wife, Carole Lombard, and after her death in an airplane accident in 1942 he collapsed. He closed up her bedroom, leaving it as a shrine with the spilled power still on the dressing table.

In this moment of grief he did what his scriptwriters would have suggested in a film story. He joined the Air Force and went overseas to fight and fight. He came to Britain and served without fuss at an Air Force station near Peterborough. In all he flew around 30 missions and when someone asked him "Were you scared your first time in action?" he corrected them gently, and said: "I was scared every time."

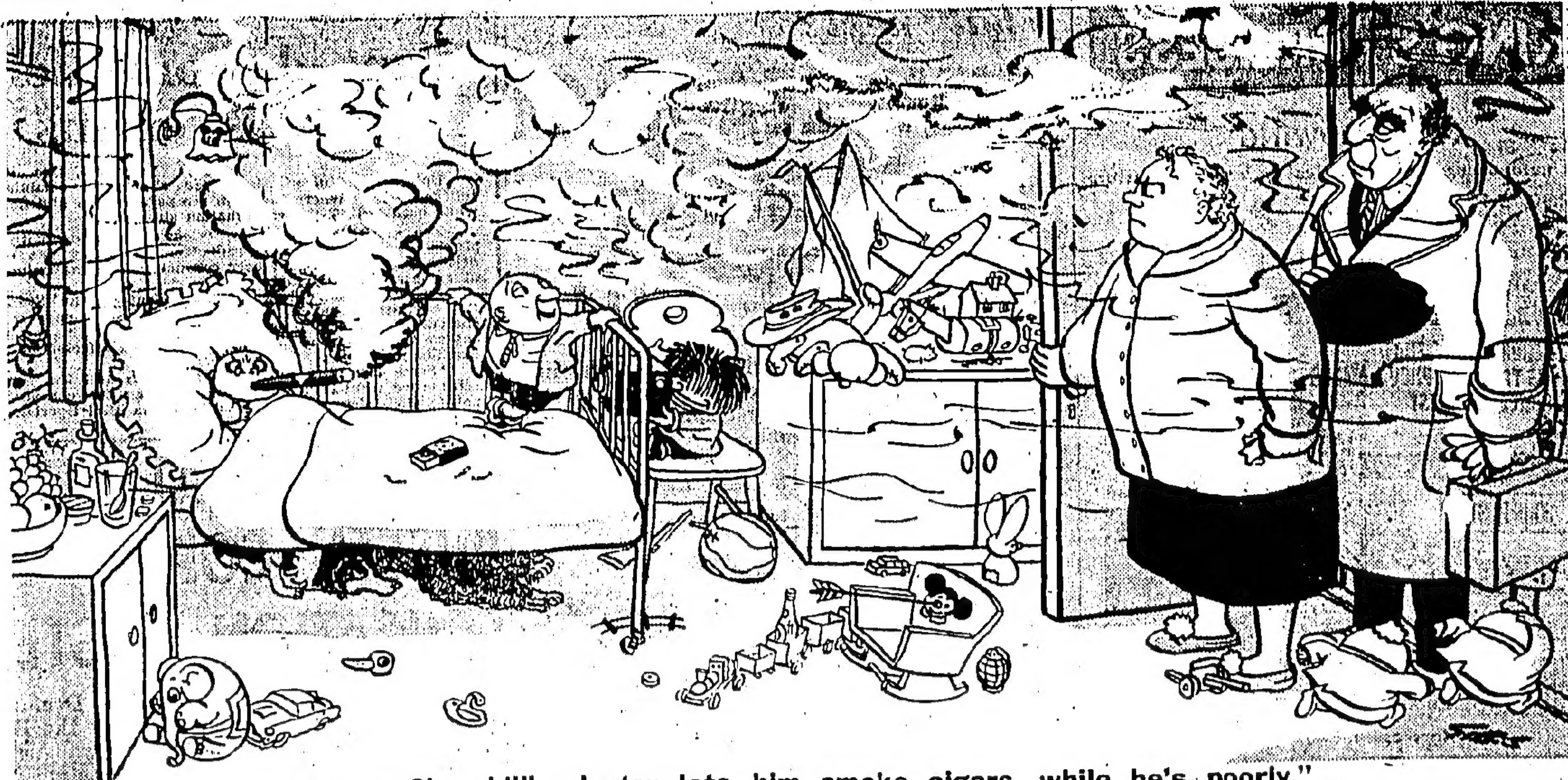
After the war he returned to Hollywood, to a new star, Greer Garson, and they hailed him with the slogan "Gable's back—and Garson's got him."

But it was a new era. The gloss was slightly off. Audience reactions have changed. He went hunting or fishing alone. "I liked to sleep rough on the ground," he said, "despite all this money I make."

"I've got the time to relax now and I never had that before. Sure some of my films now may not be smash hits but what the hell! There is another life. I want to have kids and the time to enjoy them."

He is dead now and he was never given that time.

(London Express Service).



"Winston Churchill's doctor lets him smoke cigars while he's poorly."

Riddle of Baltika's ballroom

AFTER months of searching inquiry British and U.S. Intelligence authorities are now satisfied that the Russians *did* try to put a man into orbit round the earth while Mr Khrushchev was on his way to the United Nations meeting in New York—and failed.

by
CHAPMAN PINCHER

They believe that a highly trained astronaut was rocketed to a height of about 200 miles and then fell back to earth.

Evidence which has clinched their suspicions has been supplied by Victor Janninets, the 29-year-old Russian sailor who deserted from the Baltika, the ship in which Mr Khrushchev made his 10-day journey to New York.

Full-sized

Janninets has told U.S. Intelligence men that the Baltika carried full-size cut-away replicas of a manned space-capsule and other demonstration equipment, so that Mr K could hold a full-scale Press conference in the ship's ballroom.

The conference was never held, and no foreign reporters were allowed aboard the ship.

The Intelligence men suspect that this explains why Mr K came by ship instead of by the Russian jet-plane which he normally uses. The long trip would also give the Russian rocket men more time for the launching, which might be delayed by bad weather or technical troubles.

Janninets's evidence may also explain why Mr Khrushchev stretched his stay in the U.S. to 24 days. Perhaps he was giving

the rocket men time to set up a second space-missile shot.

Irritable

During interrogation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Janninets said that Mr K was particularly irritable as the ship neared New York, especially with the radio officers.

He behaved as though he were expecting an important signal from Moscow—presumably announcing the successful launching of a Soviet astronaut into orbit—which never came.

What other evidence is there to support this theory?

The U.S. Navy reported that at the time Mr Khrushchev was leaving the U.S. five Russian ships used for monitoring missile flights were steaming to positions in the Pacific and Atlantic.

These in the Atlantic were believed to be equipped with radio command apparatus for bringing about the release of a manned capsule from an orbiting rocket so that it could be brought back to earth.

The Pacific ships carried tracking radars, and helicopters

which could be used for recovering the capsule from the sea after its final descent by parachute.

These ships headed back for home, seemingly without achieving anything, two days after Mr Khrushchev returned to Moscow on October 13.

Just before the United Nations meeting U.S. satellite-watchers reported spotting an object which seemed to be a missile fired to a great height without getting into orbit.

Prestige

These reports were confirmed by a big U.S. radio concern which operates an experimental radar station connected with the ballistic missile early warning system.

The object could not have been a U.S. or British missile.

The Intelligence men lay great stress on the fact that foreign visits by Russian leaders have so often been accompanied by a space "spectacular" intended to spotlight Soviet technical skill.

Thus as Mr K arrived for the Summit conference in Paris last

COMING TO LIGHT AT LAST:
Mounting evidence they tried—and failed—to put a man up

May a four-ton Russian space-ship carrying a dummy man was orbiting the earth. Anything less than a live man in orbit would have been an anti-climax at the UNO meeting, at which Mr K's main purpose was to boost Communist prestige with the uncommitted African nations at the expense of the West.

The Russians had already notched up their Arkhik achievement of putting up a satellite loaded with animal passengers and bringing them back to earth without injury.

British and U.S. Intelligence authorities are completely satisfied that the Russians are capable of achieving manned

flight without further research; they have missiles big enough plus the special knowledge of space-medicine.

My inquiries have previously established that Russian astronauts have made successful straight-up-and-down rocket flights—such as the Americans propose for early next year—in preparation for orbital travel.

This finding is supported by U.S. rocket chiefs who obtained their information from a different source.

Western Intelligence men do not believe suggestions that the sudden death of the Soviet rocket chief Marshal Nedelin

last month is connected in any way with a big space-missile failure.

Nobody knows

Assuming that a manned flight was made—and failed, what happened to the Russian pilot?

Nobody in the West knows for certain whether he crashed to his death or managed to escape by parachute. But Intelligence reports have stated that in recent weeks there has been a catastrophic fall in morale among the volunteer Soviet astronauts.

(London Express Service).

Anna measures up the earth

And the results may startle the experts

AMERICAN scientists want to launch a satellite to measure the Earth. Afterwards they believe they will be in a position to land a missile within 50 feet of a target anywhere in Russia.

This latest U.S. space rocket project is called Anna. It involves putting a sphere into a very precise orbit, loaded with clocks, cameras and radio equipment.

Scout—the rocket which will lift the first British satellite next year—may be used.

Measurements will probably be made by simple triangulation—observing the angle of the satellite simultaneously from two trigonometry "base lines" hundreds of miles apart on the ground.

The need for Anna is great. No one knows precisely how far it is "round the world." The Equator, for instance, is thought to measure 24,890 miles. But the figure may be slightly out.

For a missile-man, approximations even down to a few hundred yards, are not enough. He will not have the chance to shoot a correction to his gunner.

It was not until earth satellites began circling three years ago that scientists found the world was not perfectly round, but pear-shaped.

So Anna may disclose some surprising facts.

BIG CHECK

THE work of the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington is often un-spectacular. Its least spectacular part is perhaps the checking of all Britain's standards of measurement. Humdrum, but vital.

Half a million thermometers are tested each year. In these days of "deep freeze" operations, an error of half a degree could be fatal.

And the "master sets" of every slip gauge manufacturer in Britain go back to Teddington regularly.

They need to. Slip gauges are the engineer's ruler. He always carries a set of 81 of the little flat-ended steel cylinders which fit snugly side by side.

Without them, he could not design or build a single piece of machinery.

Being steel, slip gauges do not vary in length by one millionth of an inch in 10 years. But frequent checks are necessary if the eggs are to keep turning smoothly in British industry.

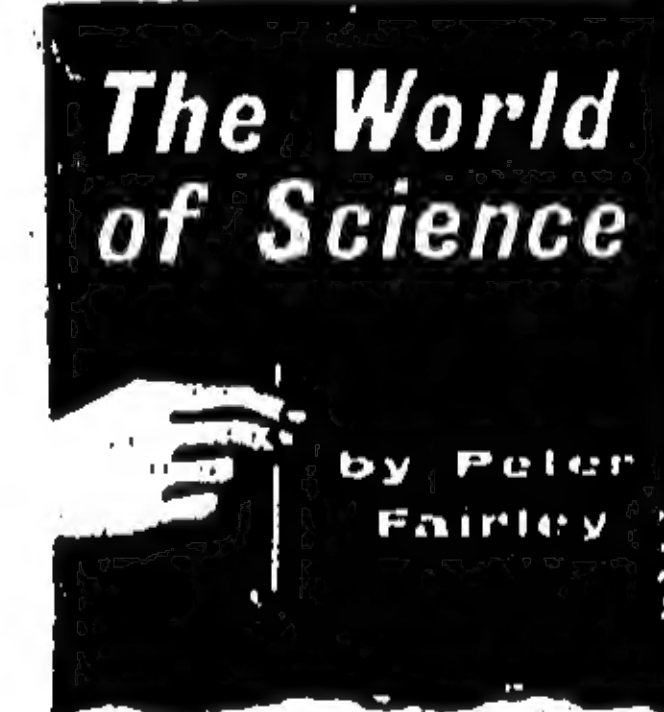
Consider what could happen. Britain's traditional standards of length measurement is the Imperial Yard—a bronze bar kept by the Board of Trade.

It was made in 1854. But because bronze is a slightly unstable metal, the bar is slowly shrinking.

Today it is still good enough for the drafter. But for the scientist—useless. If he had relied on it, thousands of machines and instruments would now be wobbling, vibrating, disintegrating.

The platinum-iridium International Metre bar, stored in Paris, was a little better but still not accurate enough for the precise measurements that have to be made today.

That is why all nations are now changing to a standard



based on the way light travels from point A to B. The wavelength of light NEVER varies.

FIRE PROBE

HUNDREDS of department stores all over Britain have agreed to co-operate with the Government's Fire Research Station in an effort to answer the problem: "Why do big stores blow up?"

A detailed investigation of every fire, however small, will be made by scientists.

Mr R. G. Silverside, the station's deputy director, tells me: "Even a burning matchbox is a potential disaster in a store, and will be looked at with equal thoroughness."

Factory fires are also being given top priority.

Cut it off

Novel methods of dealing with them are now being tried out. One idea is to install vents to be opened near the source of the blaze, to let out heat and smoke.

Although they make the fire burn more fiercely, they appear to restrict its spread.

Another idea—fixed or movable asbestos curtains, which can be hung from the factory roof and dropped in emergency to seal off unaffected parts. But both these systems will have to be tailor-made to suit individual premises.

(London Express Service).



"HEY, BUD, HOW DYER SPELL EDUCATION...?"

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

JACOBY on BRIDGE

Today's grand slam was only reached by three of the 26 pairs who held it at Shreveport. Two of the three pairs were using the convention known as "aces over two bids." In each case, North responded three diamonds to his partner's opening two spade bid. South rebid to three spades. North raised to four, and South took the plunge to seven.

While this may be taken as an advantage for this convention, I want to point out that South was really gambling since he had no means of knowing that his partner would hold only two clubs.

When my son, Jim, and I held the hand we got there with the bidding shown in the box. We play two clubs as our only forcing opening and after Jim opened with two clubs, West was kind enough to stick

| NORTH 18 | | | |
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| WEST | | | |
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| ♥ A K J 9 8 | | | |
| ♦ Q 10 8 5 | | | |
| ♣ 10 8 5 4 | | | |
| EAST | | | |
| ♠ Q 3 | | | |
| ♥ 7 3 2 | | | |
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| ♥ None | | | |
| ♦ K | | | |
| ♣ A K 5 3 | | | |
| North and South vulnerable | | | |
| South | West | North | East |
| 2♣ | 2♥ | Double | Pass |
| 3♥ | Pass | 3♠ | Pass |
| 4♥ | Pass | 4♠ | Pass |
| 5♥ | Pass | 5♠ | Pass |
| 6♥ | Pass | 6♠ | Pass |
| 7♥ | Pass | 7♠ | Pass |
| Opening lead—♥K | | | |

In a two heart overcall, I doubled; Jim went to two spades and I tried three diamonds. Jim cue bid three hearts and I felt that my three trumps and doubleton jack of clubs warranted a jump to four spades.

Jim's four no-trump was Blackwood and because he had already cue bid hearts, my five diamond response showed the diamond ace. I would not have shown any aces if I held the ace of hearts only.

After that bid it was easy for Jim to go to the grand slam. Remember, I had given a strong spade raise.

♥CARD SENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been:

North East South West

2 N.T. Pass ?

You, South, hold:

♠ K J 3 2 ♥ Q 4 3 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ 8 7 6 5

What do you do?

A—If you are playing Stay-

man bid three clubs as for a

major suit. Otherwise, raise to

three no-trump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You do bid three clubs and

your partner bids three hearts.

What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

ONE DISH ENTERTAINING

A fricassee for eight people

MANY business and professional women, as well as mothers who have small children to put to bed just about the time when they have to be cooking in the kitchen, have solved their entertaining problem by using a casserole and getting the preparation of a meal over well in advance.

I suggest one or even two large iron enameled casseroles because they can be used either on top of the cooker or in the oven and, if necessary, food can be quickly reheated in them.

FRICASSEE OF VEAL AND VEGETABLES

(For 7 to 8 servings)

Melt 2oz. butter in a frying-pan and in it, cook a chopped onion and 2½lb. veal, cut into suitable pieces, to a pale gold. ("Ple veal" is often sold already cut up.) Transfer to the casserole. Add a chicken cube, two pints hot water, a bouquet garni and freshly-milled pepper to taste. Cover and cook gently for 40 minutes, then taste and add salt to your liking.

Meanwhile, peel about 1lb. of small round onions and cook them for a few minutes in the same frying-pan. Transfer them to the casserole, together with ½lb. carrots, cut into ½in. squares, and ½lb. diced parsnips. After 15 minutes, add ½lb. small potatoes, cover again and cook all together for a further 20 minutes. Remove the bouquet.

Have ready minced butter, made this way: Work ¼oz. plain flour into 14oz. butter with a fork until well mixed. Crumble this into the stew, stir gently and bring to the boil. At the last minute, stir in a drained small can of peas or a small packet of cooked quick-frozen ones.

Variations: Before adding the kneaded butter, add a small can of plumets, cut into strips and/or 6oz. to 8oz. mushrooms.

Rupert and the Purple Star—7



When they are halfway back the two pals pause again. "That way down looks much easier than the gully," says Rupert. "The tide's going out, so we should be able to work round the headland and join Mummy and Daddy at their picnic point." This time



they succeed, and make their different way among the rocks and pools of the upper shore. All at once Rupert, who has been faster than Bill, stares at something as if he can hardly believe what he sees lying on the sand among the rocks.

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Dorothy Rose

Linda Leigh

Clifton Slim-Line

LEFT: Cocktail dress in finest black wool crepe with low neckline (DOROTHY ROSE). 2: An elegant day dress in charcoal gray wool friska. Main features are the new square neckline and slimming panel with fringed edge (DOROTHY ROSE). 3: A smart button-through dress in black and white wool with the new square neckline and slimming panel with fringed edge (DOROTHY ROSE). 4: Clever use of muted striped wool for this young dress. The wool surface of the cloth has a soft blurred effect. Colours include mutations of blue, green, wine or kingfisher (CLIFTON SLIM-LINE). 5: A simple slim line dress with a fly front effect finished with one large button. The straight Chanel type jacket has a plain neckline and front border (CLIFTON SLIM-LINE).

NOT so long ago any woman with a hip size of 42 inches or over was not only an outsider, she was an outsider, too. And for all the notice taken of her, she could even have been an outspacer! Remember all those dreary crossover bodices and see if you're not groaning as I am.

But fashion can relent, can of large sizes, obviously fatten-even be kind and the generous ing details are eliminated. One designer in the large-size field, David Silver (Clifton Slim-Line) travels all over the world looking for first-class fabrics and designs—including the right kind of checks and stripes! He can wear most styles provided the cut is good, and in the case

what you are actually buying and saying. Many of his outsize dresses are first designed for his slim young wife and then adapted for the larger figure. In this way you get a pretty and fashionable garment and one that looks right if you have that extra inch or so.

Tolerance

David Silver emphasises, however, that he allows a certain "tolerance" on all garments—in case women cheat on their

By Jean Wiseman

size. "It's also more becoming on a straight skirt. Slightly tapered skirts are always slimming, so are necklines set a little low to slim down short necks."

I think the two garments illustrated here are first-class examples of what he is doing in the fashion field. One is a very young style in a muted, almost blurred, checked wool fabric;

the other is a smart straight Chanel-type jacket and dress in a lovely plain and fancy wool.

Dorothy Rose is one of the few designers making couture level clothes for the larger figure, and in this range she can show you anything from a smart morning dress or suit through to a full scale highly glamorous evening gown. She uses the finest wool fabrics for day wear and shows

a definite Paris influence carefully adapted and superbly cut.

For day wear, my first pick was an anthracite grey wool dress with a flattering low square neckline. The important feature is a side panel running the full length of the dress to give an illusion of slenderness, and fringed for detail at the edge.

For an important occasion which calls for a little dressing up, Dorothy Rose has designed a gown in a very fine black wool georgette with an interesting low V-type neckline. The dress is not quite sleeveless and gives you the chance to show the fine skin many larger women have.

The low neckline of the dress is defined with a narrow band of gleaming black velvet and a rose made from velvet loops. This is the sort of theatre or restaurant dress most women need.

One man who has done more to put larger girls and women on the map than almost anyone is Louis Miniz (Linda Leigh) whose house has a large girls' club of 10,000 members with more now rolling in from the newly created Canadian branch. The fashion-minded women of this club have just visited the counter-club in Paris and take every opportunity of keeping up with every aspect of real fashion.

Perennial

From this house I picked an everlasting favourite, but one with a difference: a truly elegant button-through dress which can be worn with or without a coat. It's made in a broken stripe black and white wool with collar revers and wide front bands in plain black. The large 'patent' buttons (so near the real patent it's almost impossible to tell), are a good joke. I see this partnered with 'patent' leather handbag and shoes, making an elegant outfit as you could find. (By the way, there is almost no size which defects this house).

Most of the designers I spoke to believe that larger women have many natural advantages. As David Silver said: "They are tall enough usually to carry their clothes well, and can get away with important looking hats and accessories." Even the model agencies are finding that larger sized girls are in demand these days.

The word outsize is out; not just because it's unflattering but because it doesn't make sense and more. Good fabrics and styles have banished it and I, for one, will shed no tears over it. Nor, I think, will you.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Wishful Thinking

—Merlin's Magic Makes Everything Come True—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was one thing in the Playroom that everyone who lived there complained about. They all said that living in a room was not like living outside in the open, under the sky.

"What I mean," Mary-Jane, the Rag doll, said to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, "is that outside when you look through the window, you can see trees and grass and birds and flowers."

Teddy interrupts

"And Bees and Bugs, too," Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, interrupted to say, in his usual, excited voice. "I don't like Bees and Bugs much," he quickly

added, "but I think it would be nice to have them here in our room just the same."

Knarf said he didn't care much for Bugs and he certainly didn't like Bees buzzing around his head.

"Bees sting," he said.

Mr Punch and his wife Judy and General Tin and Hicawatha, the Small-sized Wooden Indian, all agreed with Mary-Jane, saying that it was a great pity that there was no grass and flowers and trees and climbing vines and singing birds and busy Bees and even stinging Bees weren't in their room just as they were outside.

Not much different

"Well," said Hanid, who felt that she ought somehow to stick up for the room in which they all really had so much fun, day after day—"I don't think our room is as much different from the outside as you all say it is."

"We haven't got trees here!" Teddy exclaimed.

"No," said Hanid. "But we have something that's almost as pretty."

She pointed to the geranium and the fern that were standing in small red clay pots on the window ledge.

No birds

Mr Punch's wife, Judy, was about to say that it was all very well for Hanid to try to make them think that a geranium and a fern were as good

as a tree but she couldn't deny that no birds ever flew around the room.

Hanid smiled.

"Sometimes," she said, "the Canary flies around the room and he sings better than lots of other birds."

"I forgot about the Canary," said Judy.

Looked at birds

She glanced up at the cage hanging from a bracket attached to the wall. Then she looked across the room to the other wall where another Bird lived.

"I forgot all about Mrs Cuckoo who lives in the Clock! She's a Bird, too!"

"That makes two Birds," Hanid said.

Here Knarf suddenly remembered something else. "And we've got a pond in this room with Fish swimming in it!"

"He means the aquarium," General Tin said.

After all these things were said, it was still felt by everyone—even by Hanid, that living inside a room wasn't like living on the outside.

Wishes for grass

"If only," said Mr Punch, "we had grass growing on the floor, instead of just a carpet!"

"And if only," said Mary-Jane, "we had ivy and climbing roses on the walls instead of just pictures of ivy and climbing roses on the wallpaper!"

It was at this moment that Hicawatha, the Small-sized Wooden Indian, pointed to the edge of the bookcase. Everyone turned around to look



"I forgot about the Canary," said Punch's wife, Judy.

They saw a head stuck out. It was Mr Merlin, the Magnificent Magician.

New to one knew exactly what it was that Mr Merlin did, and that's because Magicians, and especially magnificent Magicians, work in very curious ways. But whatever it was that Mr Merlin did, this was what happened the next second.

The Canary and Mrs Cuckoo began warbling and chirping. They flew through the room, past the geranium and the fern which suddenly became the tallest trees.

Everything changed

And the green carpet on the floor became a grassy lawn, while the ivy and the remler roses on the wallpaper looked as fresh and smelled as sweetly as the ivy and the roses growing in the park!

"The only thing that Mr Merlin didn't make happen," said Knarf, "the Stuffed Bear, to Knarf and Hanid later, were Bugs and Bees!"

"And I'm glad he didn't," said Knarf.

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Friends in trouble can always count on your sympathy, but you should resist attempts to take advantage of your good nature.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If you must be somewhat careful of your spending now, your partner will be grateful later for the security thus provided.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you are trying to gain a foothold in a new career, don't waste time envying the success of those who have had longer experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An emotional attachment ought to be given a fair chance to develop into something deeper. Give it time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Follow your intuition in your approach to a complicated task, and you stand a good chance of completing it successfully.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Unless you exercise restraint in a family disagreement, you could cause a great deal of unnecessary trouble.

LEO (July 22-August 21): On receiving a request for help, act without hesitation,

even though you may doubt the urgency of the call.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): You will have a chance to rectify a past mistake, and will be glad of the opportunity to clear your conscience.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): A minor error made by a subordinate should not be enlarged out of proportion. You will achieve better results by being lenient.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): You may not quite understand a friend's action, but will have to rely on your faith in his loyalty.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): An important document ought not to be signed unless you are absolutely sure that you can assume the implied obligation.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): An unexpected visitor will bring you cheering news of an old friend with whom you had lost contact.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a box of handkerchiefs.

KMB ... 2. Eastern ... 2

IT WAS K-M-B-EWILDERING!!!

Young Busmen scorn chance to score a most convincing victory

By I. M. MacTAVISH

If Kowloon Motor Bus and Eastern set out yesterday to prove that points can be lost in more ways than WON then let us say the object of the exercise was achieved. A capacity crowd paid some \$20,000 through the Boundary-street turnstiles to sit in the glorious autumn sunshine and see these two teams struggle to one of the most fantastic draws in First Division history.

The final score sheet read KMB...2, Eastern...2; with just a reasonable notion of soccer sanity it might well have been KMB...1, Eastern...2. The fact that the other way Eastern might have crept home—as they nearly did—within a victory by the odd goal in three. The whole thing was just as crazy as could be.

Having said all that let me offer a personal opinion that the current KMB lineup needs only a little more experience to be a power in local football affairs.

At present the side is as green as a certain Welsh valley and it is this alone which is stopping them gaining their due reward for some quite attractive play. The lack of, of course, a general knowledge of experience, but one player's odd head cannot make another's young legs run into position with that sense of understanding and instinct which comes only with maturity.

Strange mixture

Tick' Lung Kit provided enough energy for a dozen players while Chow Shu-hung gave the side the 'uncertain' touch with his unpredictable strikes. He does so much that is good that one often tends to overlook his shortcomings and his errors but, as yesterday's game wore on, it was his mistakes which stood out more than anything else.

The Busmen's defence was a strange mixture of strenuous endeavour and downright carelessness. Goalkeeper Wai Fat-kim was back at his usual defensive again and twice he had his mates gasping, and KMB team officials covering their eyes, when he misjudged the ball in the goalmouth.

On both occasions he was fortunate to get away without losing a goal.

The full-backs were adequate without being brilliant. The strength of the team was in the middle line where all three half-backs did well. What a player Lung Kit would be if he could only find the golden touch which makes a pass go where it is intended. The little fellow tackles like a tiger and his energy takes him all over the defence front, but once he decides to pass the ball anything can happen.

The KMB forward line has a lot of promise. Young Wong Chu-po on the right wing has plenty of ideas and, as he demonstrated with one glorious

NOTICE

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 6th December, 1960.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary

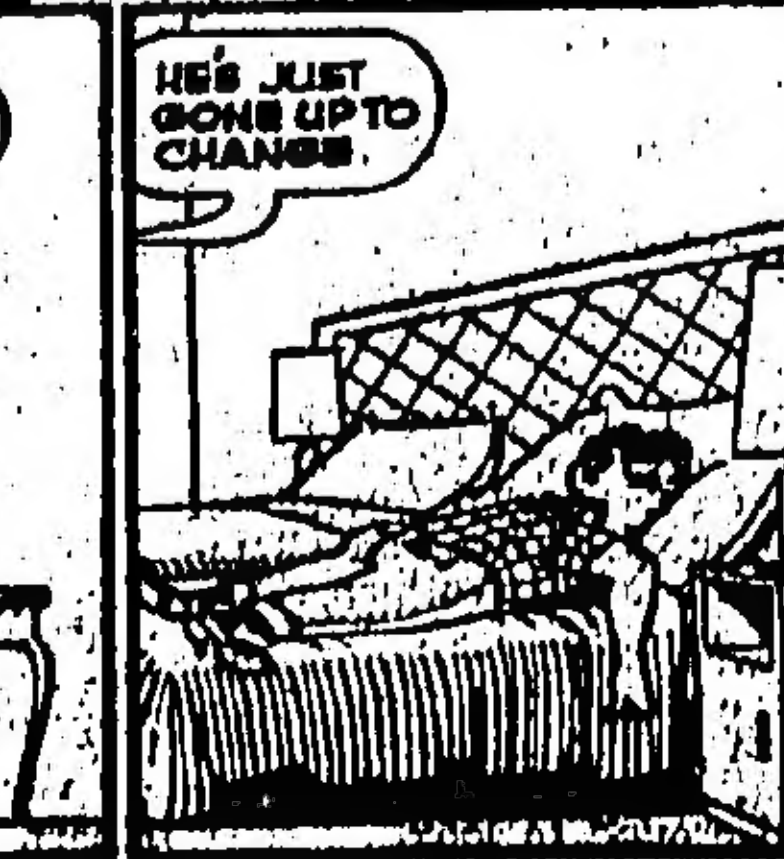
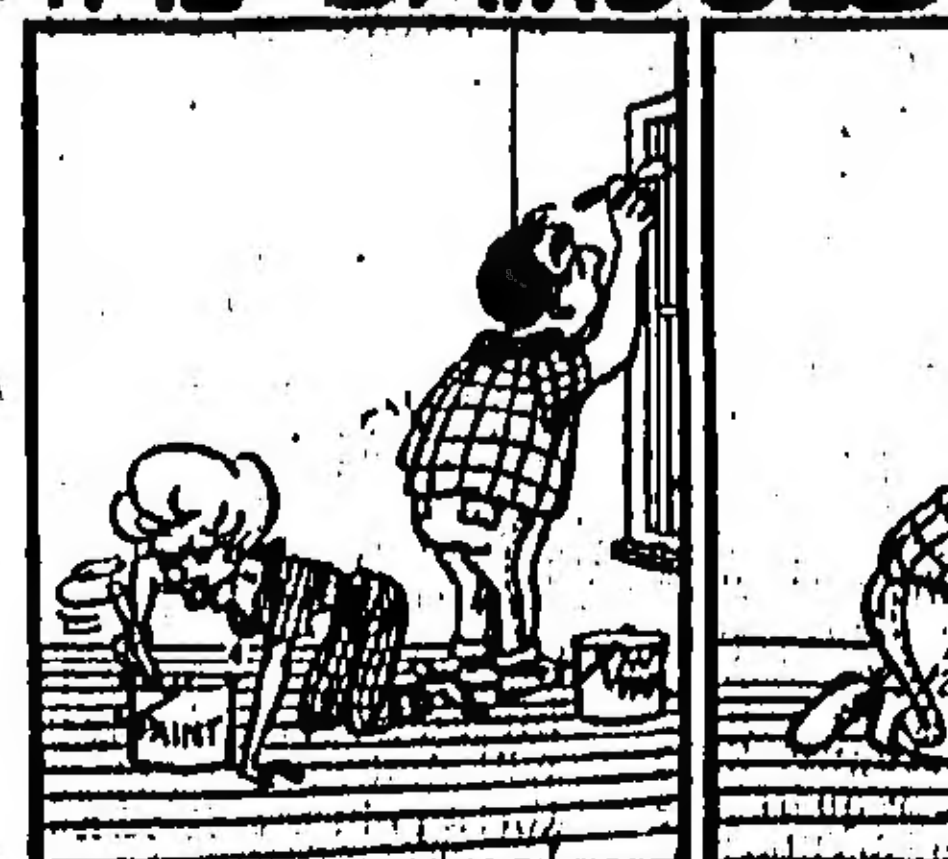


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THE GAMBOLS



DROBNY WILL NOT CAPTAIN ITALY'S DAVIS CUP TEAM

Melbourne, Dec. 4. Former Wimbledon champion Jaroslav Drobný said today that he will not captain the Italian Davis Cup team in this year's Inter-Zone Final against the United States.

Drobný, who is manager of the Italian team, said he had cabled the Italian Tennis Federation informing them that he could not accept the captaincy.

Davis Cup regulations bar players from competing for more than one nation except under certain special conditions. Drobný said he would be ineligible to captain Italy because he has played Davis Cup tennis for Czechoslovakia.

Regulations. Drobný discussed the regulations with the secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia yesterday.

ITA president, Mr. Norman Strang, said: "The rules are clear. We hold a meeting to discuss the regulations and see if we can find out exactly where Drobný stands."

The captain's main function is to sit beside the court during Cup matches and advise the players between games.

The two Italian players in Australia are Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola.

China Mail Special.

Stormy European Cup reaches quarter-finals

London, Dec. 4. European soccer will have a new chapter and controversies seem sure to arise from all sides before the crowning takes place.

The European Cup of champions, a competition matching the League champions from many countries, has reached its quarter-finals stage.

Real Madrid, European champions over since the Cup was started five years ago, have been knocked out by another Spanish team, Barcelona.

So things are more open than ever before in the history of the competition.

And the controversies and disputes associated with the Cup that pulls in thousands of fans all over Europe seem to grow just as quickly as the prestige of the Cup itself.

THE LAST EIGHT. Gendarmes escorted Burnley manager off the field in Paris after he replaced a Rhinoceros kick: Harry Potts, the Burnley manager, needed the escort as fans threw exploding fireworks in protest.

The first leg of the Barcelona-Real Madrid European Cup tie was a brawl. Similar controversies have flared in matches between teams from different countries in other European competitions.

Teams in the last eight of the European Cup of champions are: IFK Malmo (Sweden), Barcelona (Spain), Burnley (England), AFC Aarhus (Denmark), Benfica (Portugal), Hamburg SV (Germany), Rapid (Austria), and Spartak of Prague or Panathinaikos of Greece.—AP.

Real Madrid avenge defeat

Barcelona, Dec. 4. Real Madrid, who were knocked out of the European Soccer Cup by Barcelona ten days ago, gained their revenge today with a 3-3 away win in a League match.

Over 100,000 supporters saw a great game in which Real's superb forward-line worked as smoothly as a well-oiled machine. Their stars were centre-forward Di Stefano and outside-left Genio, who got two goals each.

Real's victory gives them a four-point lead in the League over Barcelona.—Reuter.

9-0 Thomas Cup win for Sweden

Trollhattan, Dec. 4. Sweden qualified for the second round of the Thomas Cup Badminton Tournament by beating Norway 9-0 here. The Swedes led 4-0 after yesterday's matches.—UPI.

Army 'A' beat KCC 'A' and Nav Bharat 'A' draw with IRC in week's top hockey matches

By NUMPERE

In the two main First Division Men's Hockey League matches yesterday Army 'A' had a convincing win over KCC 'A' by 5-1 and Nav Bharat 'A' drew 3-3 with IRC 'A'.

The position in Section 'A' of the Second Division remains the same with Prisons and Army 'B' both winning their matches and in Section 'B' RAF are now the undisputed leaders after narrowly beating Army 'C' by 2-1.

The match between Nav Bharat 'A' and IRC 'A' was a thriller, IRC twice being in the lead. Then, late in the second half, Nav Bharat forged ahead only for IRC to equalise in the dying seconds.

This was a game of hard tackling by the defences, perhaps a little wild at times, but it was well controlled by umpires Blackburn and Lall.

Nav Bharat sadly missed their two half-backs Budimir and Dawa and centre-forward Farid Khan who have now left the Colony.

Gardner appeared in the unusual position of left-half, presumably to keep a check on O. K. Dallah but also found time to wander upfield and his goal was a fine solo effort.

The schemer. O. K. Dallah was the schemer in the IRC forward-line with goods support from the rest of his forwards, particularly A. M. Wahab.

The pace was very fast throughout and Nav Bharat most went ahead in the opening seconds, Ling making a fine run up the right wing, but his first shot hit the side netting.

IRC also went close in the 8th minute. O. K. Dallah and A. M. Wahab combining well in attack but Dallah shot past the post. Play was swinging from end to end but the IRC forwards were repeatedly being caught offside.

From a free-hit for one of these offside Ling went away up the right wing but Karamdin was across to tackle and kick at the expense of a corner.

From this Gafour saved twice from Ibrahim and K. Singh, conceding a corner from which Ling shot past the post.

Then, in the 17th minute IRC were awarded a short corner. O. K. Dallah pushed to Wahab who hand-stopped for Karamdin to clear. Later had the ball covered but O. K. Dallah was quickly in to divert the ball past the goal-keeper and put IRC in the lead.

The exchanges continued pretty evenly, but the IRC forwards were still being caught offside.

Gardner produced one of his bests just on half-time running right through from his own half but his shot was just wide and so IRC changed over just about deserving their slender lead.

The teams. Nav Bharat 'A': Isher, U. S. Dillon, Y. Khan, G. Gill, G. Panru, Gardner, Ling, Ibrahim, Chin, K. Singh, M. Singh.

Most of the credit must go to their inside-left Ryan, who scored both their goals and was a steady influence in their forward line. Late in the game he was also back helping the defence.

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Dan Gurney wins Nassau Trophy sports car race

Nassau, Dec. 5. Dan Gurney, of Riverside, California, brought his Lotus to the front on the 40th lap today and won the Nassau Trophy sports car race with a speed of 89.544 miles per hour.

Gurney, who has been making a big name for himself on the world's road racing courses, took over after the 19-year-old Mexican, Ricardo Rodriguez, had set the pace for 180 gruelling miles in a red Ferrari.

The fast falling tropical twilight ended the race after 55 laps, or 247.5 miles, one lap short of the scheduled distance.

Gurney clipped approximately two miles an hour off the race record of 87.549 miles an hour established by Lance Reventlow of the U.S. when he won the race in a Scarab in 1958.

The tall, blond Gurney was running about a minute ahead of Pedro Rodriguez, 21-year-old brother of Ricardo, when he caught the checkered flag of victory.

Pedro had taken over for his brother on the 40th lap. It was then that Gurney, who had been running a close second, took the lead.

Gaston Andrey of Switzerland was third in a Maserati and Joachim Bonnier of Sweden was fourth in a Porsche.

Moss out. Then came Roger Penske of the U.S. in a Porsche; Bob Holbert of the U.S. in a Porsche; Jim Hall of the U.S. in a Maserati; Ray Sharp of the U.S. in a Lotus; Ulf Norinder of Sweden, in a Porsche, and Chuck Cassell of the U.S. in a Porsche.

Surfing Moss of England, the favourite, did not complete the first lap. On a turn nearing the grandstand straightway, the hood went flying off his green Lotus Monte Carlo. The Englishman ducked quickly out of the traffic, looked at the damage and started walking back to the pits.

The mishap ruined Moss's hope of becoming the first three-time winner of the Nassau race.—AP.

Nav Bharat 'B' vs Prisons

Preceding this match Nav Bharat 'B' with only 10 players lost by 2-0 to Prisons in a Second Division Section 'A' match, and for a long time it looked as if they might cause a major upset.

An even first half produced no goals and it was not until the 47th minute that Prisons opened the scoring when they were awarded a free-hit just outside the circle. From this Zia Hussain collected the ball and slammed it into the back of the net.

The same player scored again in the 59th minute and made things safe for Prisons but they must have had a few disquieting moments up till then.

In Kudlip Singh Nav Bharat have a fine up-and-coming young player who is going to play havoc with defences in a few seasons' time.

The other top team in this section, Army 'B', had a runaway 13-0 win over Lions but Lions had a player sent to hospital in the first few minutes with a leg injury.

RAF vs Army 'C'

In the top matches in the Second Division Section 'B' the two sides with 100 per cent records up till then, RAF and Army 'C' met at Kai Tak, the RAF winning narrowly by 2-1 and just about deserving their win.

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Results. FIRST DIVISION. 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Rebels win Little League Baseball title

HARD-EARNED 7-3 WIN OVER GIANTS GIVES THEM FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

By OLLY VAS

In all the noise and excitement which accompanied the crucial Junior League softball match between the Indians and the Giants, won by the latter 9-2, the feat of winning a championship by another team passed almost unnoticed.

This was the winning of the Little League baseball title by the Rebels who scored a hard-fought 7-3 victory over the Giants.

Hopes for a four-way tie in the Little League were dashed despite the fact that the Cubs beat the Lions 4-3 in another game highlighted by some good pitching from the Cubs' Alan Moss and the Lions' Paul Brown.

Among other softball League games played over the weekend, the Pandas scored their maiden victory in the Senior softball division as Vic Pedruco tossed a four-hitter over the U.S. Navy, the final score being 15-4.

The Indians beat New Asia 8-2 on Saturday and this was followed the next day by the SCAA girls running up a 19-0 score against the luckless Chyengans.

Disastrous start

Battling first in the decisive Little League final match the Rebels were up two runs on Danny Dayaram's double which was followed by a base on balls to Hiro Dayaram, a wild pitch and a routine infield out when Eduardo Xavier bunted. Leo Barros hit safely but was tagged on an attempted steal to third. John Cayulha struck out to end the Giants' inning.

Hiro Dayaram pitched for the Rebels and started off disastrously. He walked three in a row, then fanned Robert Bau but Nicky Andrade came to the rescue of his side and hit a double to left field to score David Aylward and Richard Bush.

John Boey also got struck out by Hiro but then the young

pitcher faltered on the mound and issued a walk to Henry Gillard and Henrique Souza and these free passes to first base were enough to allow base-runner George Viera to walk home with an unearned run to put the Rebels in the lead 3-2.

Very fine baseball

In the top of the second inning Cowden was thrown out at first. Ahluwalia was issued a base on balls by George Viera but the lanky hurler then tightened up on his pitching and tossed three strikes past Remedios and Souza to end the Giants' inning.

Three stolen bases coupled with five fielding errors by the Rebels were good enough for the Rebels in the bottom half of this inning and when the confusion had died down the winners were ahead 7-2.

The last three innings of the game produced some very fine baseball from both sides. The two Dayarams and Eduardo Xavier were retired in 1-2-3 fashion in the top of the third but Hiro Dayaram rose to great heights in this inning when the Rebels came to bat. He whipped inside curves past Henrique Souza and John Elwick, filtered a little against the next two batters but got himself out of trouble by making opposing pitcher Viera ground out, straight to him to retire the Rebels.

In the top of the fourth inning Dayaram again showed to advantage in his pitching. Robert

Bau, Nicky Andrade and then John Boey did not have a chance with the first balls which whizzed past them. In the bottom half of this inning, still trailing 2-7 the Giants were in with a chance after Leo Barros had hit out a sliding double to right field.

He stole second and then strayed off the base. Pitcher Viera turned around to whip the ball to a team-mate but the throw was wild and Barros scored to lower the margin to 3-7. Viera made up for this lapse when in this same inning after Cowalko had been tagged out on an attempted steal, he made Cowden ground the ball and struck out Remedios to protect his four-run lead.

MVP nominations

The Giants had a chance to score at least two more runs in the top of the fifth but had base-running spoiled it and the game ended with the score unchanged.

Congratulations go to the Rebels on their winning the first championship at King's Park to date but we must not forget the gallant Giants who made them really fight hard to earn this victory.

Incidentally the softball writers have nominated the following for the Little League MVP: Catcher Darryl Turner (Lions), shortstop Eduardo Xavier (Giants), pitcher George Viera and Alan Moss of the Rebels and Cubs.

Philadelphia win U.S. National Football League

St. Louis, Dec. 4. The Philadelphia Eagles today clinched their first National Football League title in 11 years. They beat the St. Louis Cardinals 20-6 on two touchdown passes by Norm Van Brocklin and a pair of field goals by Bobby Walston.

The Eagles, in posting their ninth straight triumph after a season-opening loss to the Cleveland Browns, led all the way in marked contrast to five of their games in which they were forced to come from behind to win.

The 34-year-old Van Brocklin, who was a rookie with Los

Angeles in 1949 when the Eagles last captured the Eastern Conference championship, pitched T.D. passes of 22 yards to Pete Rozell and 25 yards to Tommy McDonald. The two scoring passes increased Van Brocklin's career total to 22— a new personal high for the indomitable Dutchman.

Van Brocklin, a 12-year veteran of the NFL, completed 13 of 27 passes in all, for 251 yards.

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| Eastern Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|---|-----|
| | W | L | T | Pts |
| Philadelphia | 10 | 3 | 0 | 20 |
| Cleveland | 8 | 5 | 0 | 16 |
| New York | 7 | 6 | 0 | 14 |
| St. Louis | 5 | 8 | 0 | 10 |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 9 | 0 | 8 |
| Washington | 1 | 12 | 0 | 2 |

| Western Conference | | | | |
|--------------------|---|----|---|-----|
| | W | L | T | Pts |
| Baltimore | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 5 | 0 | 14 |
| San Francisco | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Detroit | 3 | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 8 | 0 | 6 |
| Dallas | 1 | 10 | 0 | 2 |

Clined Conference title. Sunday's scores: Detroit 20, Baltimore 15; Green Bay 41, Chicago 13; Philadelphia 20, St. Louis 6; Cleveland 27, Washington 16; New York 31, Dallas 21.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

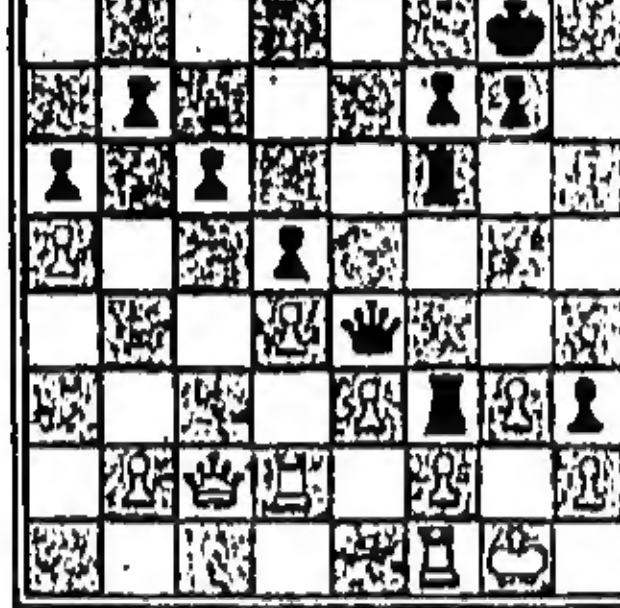
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| New York | 6 | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Boston | 5 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| Buffalo | 5 | 7 | 0 | 10 |

| Western Division | | | | |
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| Los Angeles | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 |
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| Oakland | 5 | 7 | 0 | 10 |
| Denver | 4 | 7 | 1 | 9 |

New York 20, Denver 27; Buffalo 25, Boston 14; Dallas 21, Houston 0; Los Angeles 41, Oakland 17—AP.

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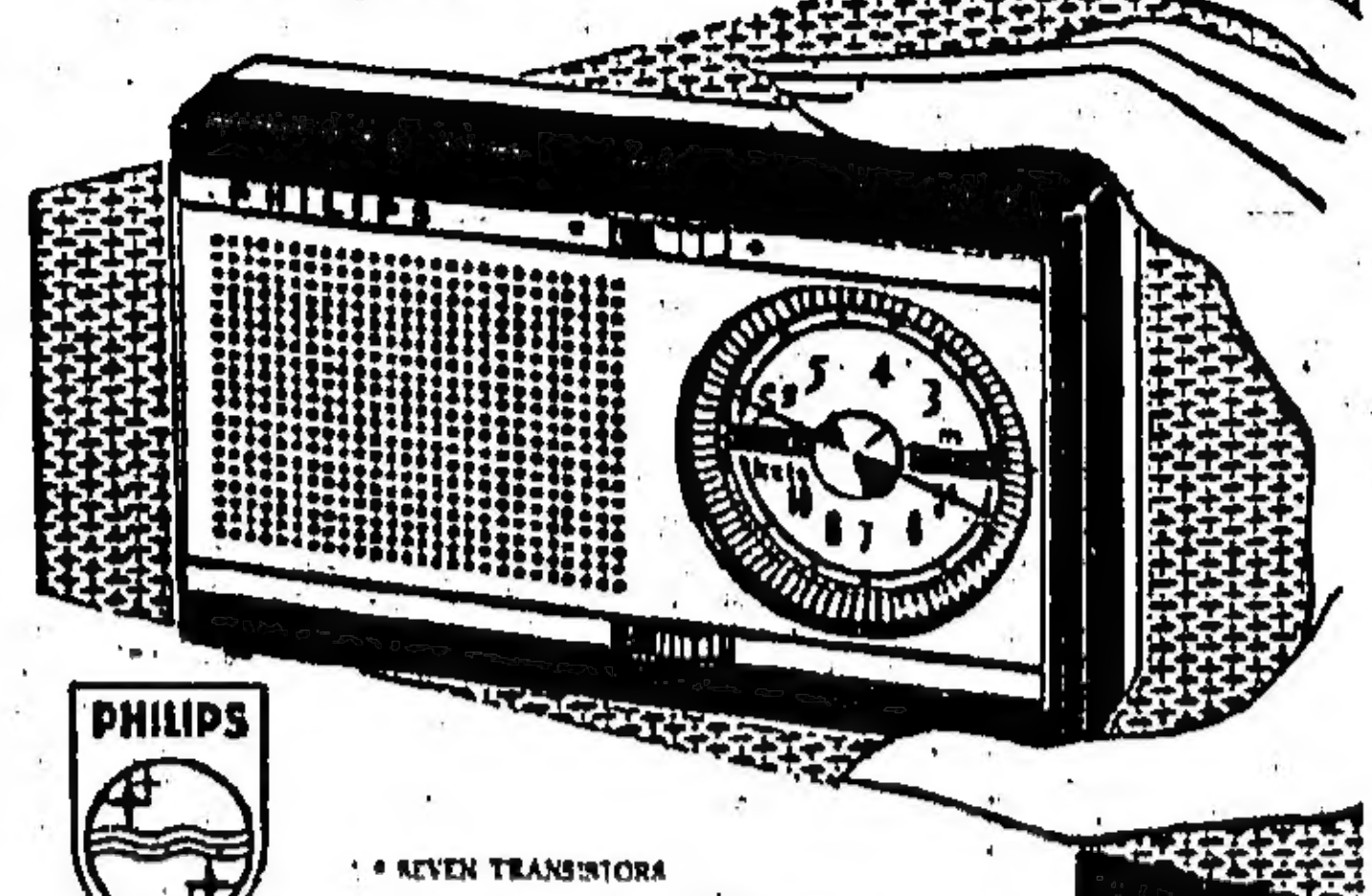
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Cricket
RAF Singapore v Combined Services at Rectorie, 10.30 am.
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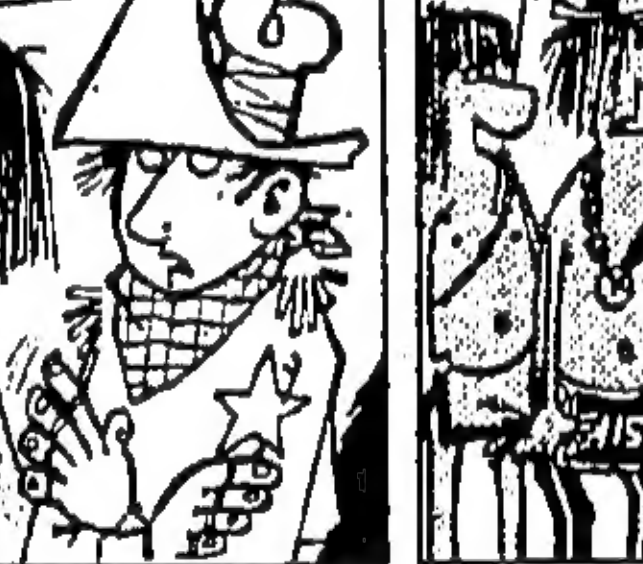
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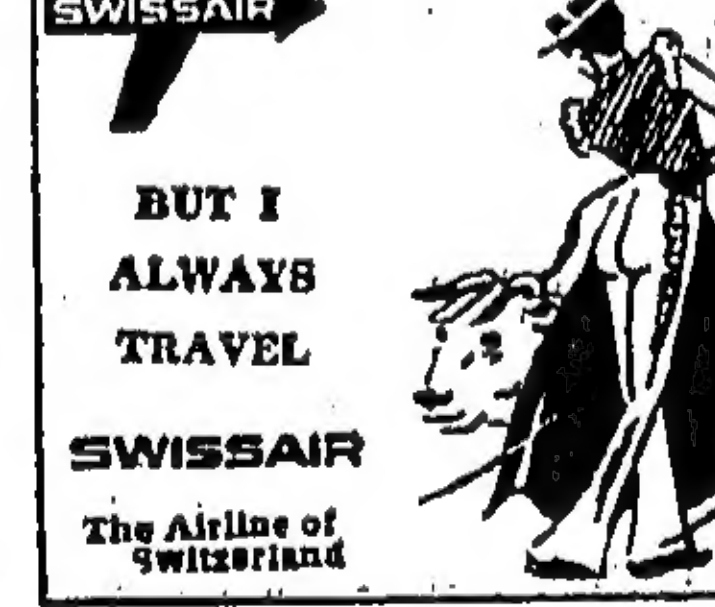
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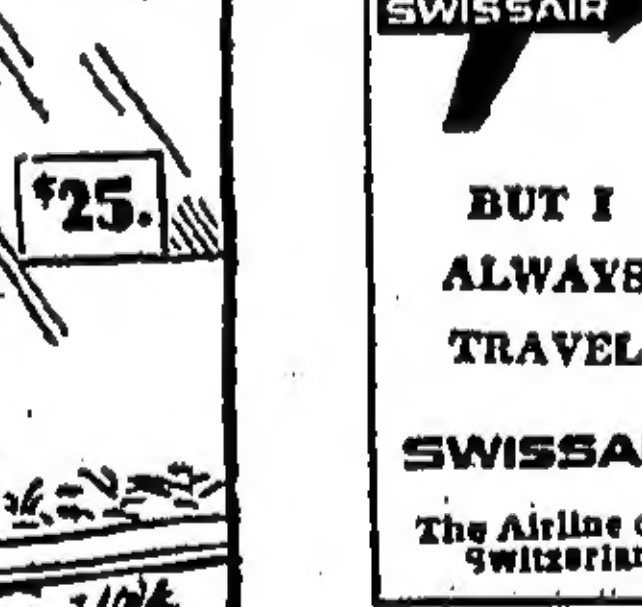
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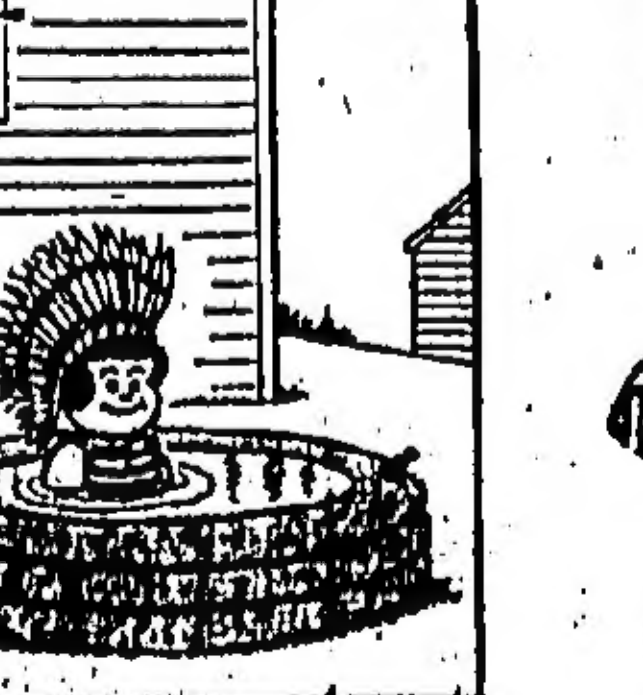
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Lady Black visits Red Cross group



Lady Black (above) paid a visit this morning to the Red Cross Working Party at the Hongkong Cricket Club. She was received by Mrs. C. M. Forsyth-Smith and spent about three-quarters of an hour talking to the eleven ladies who meet regularly to prepare landings and other hospital supplies.—China Mail photo.

Suddenly Clerk on her pocket embezzling was charge 'weightless'

A man was arrested after he stole a purse from a woman at a Kowloon bus stop, it was stated in the Victoria District Court this morning.

The man, Chan Yin-chiu, 30, unemployed, pleaded not guilty to a charge of larceny.

Mr. George Willis, Crown Counsel, said the complainant, Miss Chow Nui, was at a bus stop in Tai-po road, Shamshuipo, on October 30, when she felt her pocket "weightless."

On looking up she saw the accused walking away quickly. She raised the alarm and gave chase and was arrested by a passing police patrol car.

The purse, which accused had allegedly stolen from the woman, was recovered from the roadside. It contained a few \$1 notes and a small bottle of Chinese medicine, Mr. Willis said.

Hearing before Judge P. R. Springell is continuing.

A 47-year-old clerk was today charged with embezzling \$26,000 from Fehaco Ltd.

He was Lai Shiu-chung, alias Thomas Lay, of 23, Fung Wa Building, fifth floor, Cheung Hong street. He appeared before Mr. T. L. Yang in Causeway Bay Court.

Lai allegedly embezzled the money between September 1959 and May 1960.

Police allege he also made false entries in the collection book concerning money paid in by other firms between February and May this year.

Defendant was remanded three days in jail custody pending transfer of the case to the Victoria District Court.

No HK concern voiced over U.S. appointment

Hongkong textile men today expressed no outward concern at the appointment of Mr. Luther H. Hodges as the new U.S. Secretary of Commerce even though he has in the past urged America to restrict foreign textile imports.

Both Mr. T. Y. Wong, Chairman of the Hongkong Cotton Spinners Association and Mr. N. C. Cheng, Chairman of the Federation of Hongkong Cotton Weavers refused to comment.

Mr. Elmer Tsu, a former Chairman of the Weavers Association and Managing Director of the Wylar Textiles Ltd., was optimistic.

"The United States is too busy promoting their export trade," he said. "Restriction of imports will bring about retaliatory moves from all foreign countries and work against their own policy for trade expansion."

He looked forward to a new American Administration continuing the "liberal trade policies" of President Eisenhower.

On the latest developments in the UK textile market, Mr. N. C. Cheng echoed the opinion expressed by Mr. T. Y. Wong in the China Mail last Friday:

Breathing space

"The undertaking was enforced on the original and basic understanding that it would give Lancashire a breathing space of three years."

"But now they change their theme to the difference in Far East production costs and standard of living," he went on. "This violates the spirit of the understanding."

Mr. Elmer Tsu said, "We made it clear at the start that Lancashire needed three years for reorganisation and thereafter she would be in a better position to compete with Hongkong."

Mr. Tsu referred to the authoritative cotton bulletin issued by Messrs Frederick W. Tatler and Co. Ltd., cotton traders and statisticians in Manchester on November 29, which said:

"Commentators on cotton trade affairs have lately been

unanimous in their assumption that financial results now being declared should underline the very prosperous period which the trade is passing through.

Marked degree

"Admittedly, the orders secured in the middle of last year were at barely economic margins but the buying phase which developed twelve months ago and the succeeding pressure for supplies enabled most producers to increase their earning capacity to a marked degree."

"Now the results can be seen, in the shape of formidable profits and even stronger balance sheets."

"Probably the biggest revival in terms of figure has been achieved by Joshua Hoyle and Sons, whose measure profit of below £4,000 in the previous year soared to practically £750,000."

Refused

"Also recording a substantial turn-round of virtually equal merit with Joshua Hoyle's results, is Combined English Mills, whose net loss of over £250,000 last year has been switched to a profit of just over £400,000."

"Among some of the smaller spinning firms the trend is just as noticeable."

Mr. Tsu also said that Hongkong grey cloth intended for processing in the UK for ultimate re-export was refused by the Board of Trade to be classified as "re-export category."

"So great was the demand that UK importers had to import from non-Commonwealth countries to make up for the 're-export' goods gap," Mr. Tsu said.

Mr. Tsu was commenting on the allegation that Hongkong had not taken advantage of the open cotton market for re-exports.



Front and back cover of the brochure; paintings by Dong Kingman.

New HK Tourist Assn brochure

A new four-colour 16-page brochure "Hongkong-British Crown Colony" has been produced by the Hongkong Tourist Association and is being distributed to travel agencies and transportation concerns abroad. Initial printing is in 100,000 copies.

Well designed and packed with photographs, the new production is the first comprehensive booklet on Hongkong from the viewpoint of the tourist.

The front and back covers of the book (see above) are reproductions of two water colour paintings done during his recent visit to Hongkong by the well-known Chinese-American artist, Dong Kingman.

Painted in his inimitable and highly individual style, the front picture is of the Victoria harbour while the back picture portrays a "ladder street."

The safely imparted by Dong Kingman's lively representations is sustained throughout the book by clever arrangements of photographs

and reading matter, and by the many decorative designs in Chinese and other motifs sprinkled on the pages.

Sections in the brochure provide information on the history; urban centres and countryside; hotels; shopping; people; festivals; food; and miscellaneous subjects grouped under "general information" of Hongkong. A Relief map of the Colony is printed on the inside front cover.

Supplementing the other promotional materials produced by the Hongkong Tourist Association, the new booklet should prove to be a highly effective additional sales aid for the use of the world's travel industry to "sell" Hongkong.

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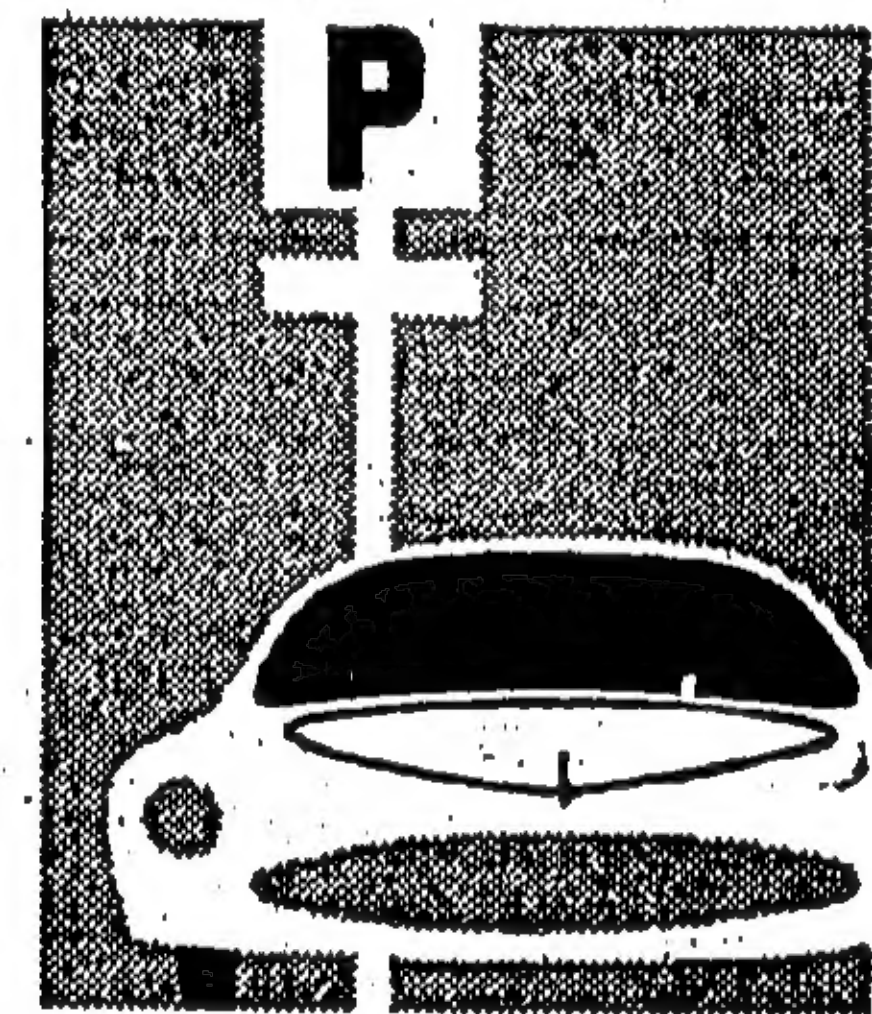
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"THE change brought about in the entrance examination to the University (of Hongkong) has not improved things. It is now necessary for a boy to pass in nine subjects and, if he takes Chinese, eleven subjects, failing in any one of which means he must either face another year's work with perhaps the same fate awaiting him, or leave school without an external certificate to prove he has had a long general education."

The above remark was contained in the report of the Director of St Joseph's College, Brother Matthias, at the annual distribution of prizes at the College yesterday afternoon.

The Hon Mr J. P. Braga presided over the function, and distributed the prizes to the successful students.

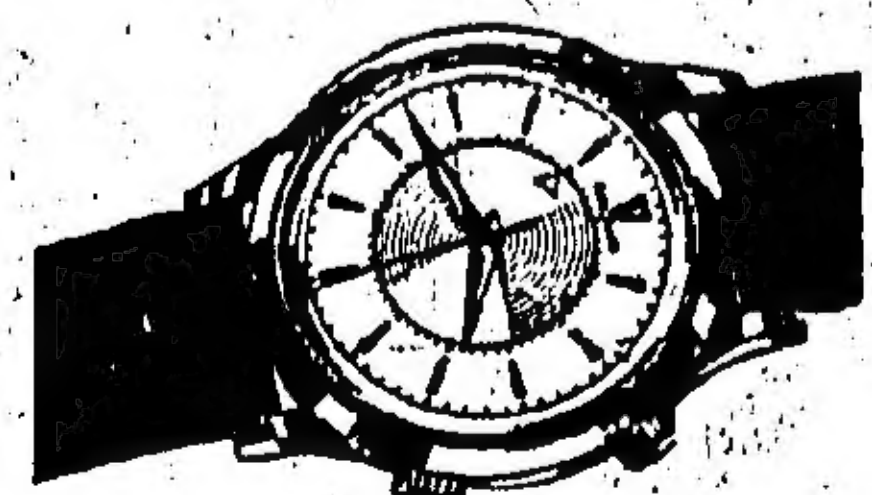


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AN IMPROVING CHOIR

By D. E. GRAY

A PLEASANT concert of a variety of choral, vocal and instrumental

music was presented in the Queen Elizabeth School, on Saturday night, under the auspices of the Union Chorus. This choir, under the direction of Professor Lin Sheng-shih, is developing into quite a well-balanced body of singers.

The Female Chorus sounded rather thin, and they will have to watch their choice of songs and not attempt those too high pitched for their range is limited. The Mixed Chorus, on the other hand, sounded well, particularly in the choral arrangement of Schumann's Zigeunerleben.

In a concert of this sort, it seems a pity to interpolate one movement of a great Sonata like the Beethoven "Waldstein", as Miss Lamae Mark did. She played the first movement only. It was played through in a routine way, and the tempo was a bit erratic. Crescendos seemed to be invariably coupled with accelerandos, and diminuendos accompanied by corresponding rallentandos on every occasion.

Mr. Cheng Chik-pui played a group of violin solos, beginning with the Bach "Arioso". He seemed very nervous, his intonation was badly out, and he developed a vibrato which seemed to resemble the worst of operatic sopranos wailing, not very appropriate for Bach.

He played a short work by Nardini very nicely, but his Debussy "Menuet" did not have that delicacy which we look for in French music of this kind.

He seemed to be a bit off colour, for I have heard him play much better previously. He was very ably accompanied at the piano by Professor Lin Sheng-shih.

There were some excellent vocal solos by Miss Chan Nakai, soprano, and Miss Ruth Chow, mezzo-soprano. Both sang Chinese songs in addition to an operatic number by Bizet.

The Chinese songs, as usual, were charmingly sung, and the

operatic numbers very convincing with good intonation and interpretation. Miss Chow has a rich mellow voice and sings in a very musically fashion.

Mr. Chow Wai-sun, baritone, brought storms of applause with his four humorous Chinese songs, and a duet "Still as the Night" sung by Miss Poon Ching-ling and Mr. Chan Ki-lung was very pleasant. Their voices blending well in this arrangement.

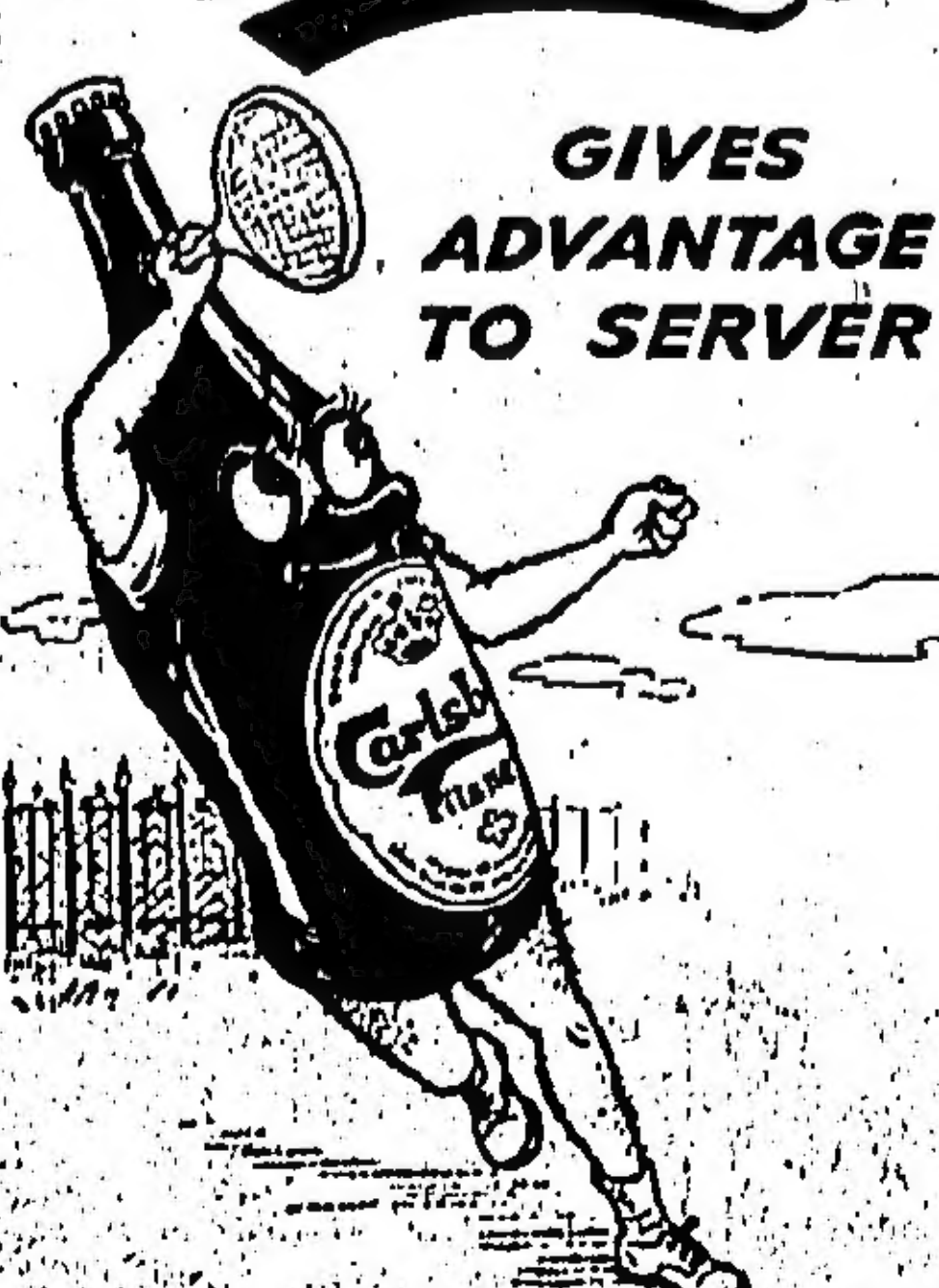
This Chorus has improved very much since I last heard them some months ago and the inclusion of Chinese songs in each vocal item is a very welcome innovation.

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